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SHOWDOWN AWAITED

BRITAIN and Malta are on the brink of a showdown and when it comes — as it must if the fiery Maltese Premier, Mr. Dom Mintoff, runs true to form — Britain is likely to act first and talk afterwards.

For even the mildest of the Westminster temper are now to breaking-point after Mr. Mintoff's persistent refusal to accept Britain's reasonable offers. And even Mr. Mintoff's Socialist supporters in Britain appear to be fed up with his attitude so at last the gloves are off.

The Colonial Secretary's statement in the House of Commons announcing that his latest talks with the Maltese Premier had ended in deadlock leaves matters where they were two years ago.

Rejected

THE offers Mr. Mintoff rejected include shelving for five years the plan for the integration of Malta into the United Kingdom with interim economic and constitutional arrangements in the meantime.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd also offered capital assistance of £25 million over five years, percentage grants towards Malta's social services amounting to £1 million at first and rising proportionally and help in finding new jobs if large-scale unemployment follows the closure of Malta's naval dockyard.

On the other hand Britain has cut by £1 million its yearly £6 million financial aid to Malta's budget, saying that Malta can very well find that million herself.

There is little doubt that this cut is the reason why Mr. Mintoff would not entertain Britain's offers. He would not accept that Britain was forced to make the reduction because of the credit squeeze at home. He insisted that if Malta needed money at all now was its most desperate hour.

Delicate

THE situation was extremely delicate even before last month's talks in London began for a Colonial Secretary was still simmering after the angry telephone exchanges with the Maltese Premier. It appears that Mr. Lennox-Boyd had gone as far as he could towards meeting Mr. Mintoff and his patience was exhausted.

Mr. Mintoff was also feeling deeply injured after this angry exchange of telegrams and he had left behind him in the Legislative Assembly a resolution threatening to cut all ties with Britain — a resolution which, he knows, and the Colonial Office knows, is worthless, but nevertheless damages confidence. Therefore this conference was doomed to failure.

Stalked Out

ALMOST at once, Mr. Mintoff and his entourage stalked out of the Colonial Office in scarcely contained rage, saying that Mr. Lennox-Boyd was trying to split them and it remained for the Colonial Secretary to call them back.

Now that the conference has ended Mr. Mintoff is home again, uttering threats. He has told his Parliament, "As the Maltese Government has not agreed to adopt the financial measures adopted by the British Government, we will not accept responsibility for the administration and good government of this island."

And he added that he would dissolve Parliament and hold a general election if Britain did not promise to meet the island's budgetary deficit for the coming financial year.

All of which means that he still hopes that Britain will change her mind about cutting Malta's aid by £1 million.

LABOUR CRITICISES MINTOFF

Move To Sever Ties With UK Under Fire

London, Apr. 1. The Labour Opposition tonight criticised as "extremely ill-advised" a resolution passed by the Maltese Parliament last December calling for a severance of ties with Britain unless the British provide alternative work for dismissed dockyard workers.

Mr. James Callaghan, Labour's chief colonial affairs spokesman, made the criticism in a House of Commons debate on the British Mediterranean colony of Malta.

The Opposition called for a debate after negotiations between the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, and Mr. Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, on the proposed integration of the United Kingdom had reached deadlock last week.

Doubtful

Mr. Herbert Morrison, a former Labour deputy leader, said after Mr. Mintoff's conduct in the financial negotiations he was doubtful about supporting Malta's political integration with Britain.

He added that several other territories could claim representation on a similar basis to Malta and once the principle was conceded it would be difficult to refuse it to others.

Singapore was in a similar position to Malta.

"Supposing Singapore claimed representation in the House of Commons and said that if we did not give it the island would go independent?"

Interesting

"You would have a pretty interesting body of Members of Parliament if Singapore did come in. It is highly probable some of them would be Chinese in origin and possibly with that curious Chinese continuing loyalty which is not necessarily Communist at all but which is nevertheless a sentimental feeling for the great mother-country of China."

"I would not welcome such representation in the British House of Commons, but the Colonial Secretary has landed himself in such a position that he would be in difficulties if that claim were made," he added.—*Reuter*.

NO PLACE FOR PISTOLS IN TALKS: PROFUMO

UAR DELAYS REQUEST FOR UN MEETING

Cairo, Apr. 2. The United Arab Republic delayed its request for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council meeting following notice by the Security Council President, Henry Cabot Lodge, that Israel had stopped work in the disputed area of the demilitarised zone near Lake Huleh, it was reported here today.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency said: "The United Arab Republic has requested that the Security Council meet immediately in the event of Israel's resumption of its aggression."

CEASE-FIRE

Mena said Mr. Lodge informed Zaki Kenawi, acting head of the UAR delegation, that the UN cease-fire had become effective in the troubled Israeli-Syrian border area as the result of United Nations efforts to ease the situation.

The Mena report made it clear that the UAR request was not definitely withdrawn and would be presented again if border tension flared up once more.—*United Press*.

WEST CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE EAST

Johannesburg, Apr. 1. Eastern manufacturers, with their cheap labour and their trading methods, were powerful enough to break South Africa, said G. H. Kueche, manager of Industrial Development, speaking at a Rotary function here today.

He said no Western nation could ever compete with the East.

While waiting factories in Hongkong and Japan, he said, he had seen cotton socks sold to South African importers at seven shillings and sixpence a dozen, free on board.

Those factories worked two 12-hour shifts daily, seven days a week, and the average pay was seven shillings and sixpence a shift.

Labour was so cheap in Hongkong that manufacturers could use workers to cut blemishes out of rejected shillings and thus employ this material profitably in their plants.—*Reuter*.

To Intensify Action Against IRA

London, Apr. 1. The Queen's speech, opening the Northern Ireland Parliament, today announced that the British Government will intensify its action against Irish Republican terrorism if this should become necessary.

The speech, read by Lord Walsingham, Governor of Ulster, expressed satisfaction at the measures already taken "against those who over a year ago embarked on a campaign of violence against Northern Ireland."

The speech added: "My Government is determined to take necessary measures to forestall and prevent further violence and will not hesitate to assume whatever additional powers the situation may demand."—*France-Press*.

LIBERAL GETS SILENT RECEPTION

London, Apr. 1. Icy silence greeted the entry into the House of Commons today of the new Liberal Member of Parliament, Mark Bonham-Carter, the first candidate of his party to win a by-election for 29 years.

Neither Conservative nor Labour benches made any sign of the usual greeting, and as two of the Liberal members were escorting in their new colleague to take his oath, only three were left as a potential source of demonstration.

Bonham-Carter took the oath and went back to the Liberal benches with his two party sponsors.

He brings the Liberal Party numbers back to six, one seat having been lost when Lady Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the great Liberal leader at that name, switched to the Labour party and won one of the Liberal strongholds left vacant by the death of the Liberal member.—*France-Press*.

Churchill

Roqueburne, Apr. 1. Sir Winston Churchill will fly to England from the French Riviera on Thursday, sources at his vacation villa here said tonight.

He will take a regular airline flight from nearby Nice airport Thursday afternoon at 2.05 p.m. arriving in London at 10.00 GMT, they said.—*United Press*.

Moscow Expresses Regret Over American Refusal

Moscow, Apr. 1. The Soviet Union said today it "deeply regretted" United States reaction to the Soviet decision to stop unilaterally further tests of nuclear weapons and American refusal to follow suit.

NEW ATOM WEAPONS TO BE TESTED

Washington, Apr. 1. The Navy plan to use five ships and eight barges to test newly developed atomic weapons under simulated combat conditions cleared its first congressional hurdle today.

The House Armed Services Committee approved the plan after Rear Admiral A. G. Mumma, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ships, testified the tests would involve underwater atomic devices.

If the new weapons prove out, they presumably will be added to the arsenal of US weapons available for use against Russia's powerful submarine fleet in case of war.

The tests will be conducted this Spring—apparently as part of the new US nuclear test series at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

DESTROYERS

Mumma and Commander W. F. V. Bennett of the Navy's Atomic Energy Division explained the bill to permit use of the ships to the Committee behind closed doors. Mumma said the tests would involve three 2,120-ton destroyers, one 600-ton killer ship and eight lighter-type barges.

He said the data obtained would be used to determine how far US vessels must be from their targets to avoid self-destruction.

This could mean the weapons are new versions of the "Betty" and atomic depth charge now in use by the fleet. The "Betty" is so powerful that it must be dropped from a plane which then can scurry away from the target area.—*United Press*.

ANTI-RECESSION

Washington, Apr. 1. President Eisenhower today signed into law the first major anti-recession measure approved by the current congressional session—a \$1,850 million housing bill.

Democratic sponsors of the measure claimed that it would stimulate the housing industry to build 200,000 new housing units and provide jobs for 600,000 workers in 12 months.—*Reuter*.

French Government's Effort To Halt Inflation In Serious Danger

Paris, Apr. 1. TODAY'S nationwide transport stoppage is considered here as a warning that the French Government's efforts to halt inflation is in serious danger.

Trade union leaders said they did not want to give this strike or similar future action any political character, but the feeling among the rank and file workers that they must have more money to meet the steadily rising cost of living was very strong, and likely to get stronger.

The Government appeared to take today's strike calmly and some of its spokesmen claimed it would not have any serious consequences. But this optimism was not shared elsewhere.

The cost of living index for March has not yet been published, but usually reliable sources said it had gone up from 110.47 in February to 113.3 in March, compared with 100 in July, 1957.

This takes the index to a point at which the national minimum wage must automatically be increased. Officials at the Ministry of National Economy were forecasting that the cost of living would be up again in April, and said this would mean the minimum wage would have to be raised by two and half to three per cent in June 1. This would be the second rise this year and the fourth in ten months.

The Minister of National Economy, M. F. Ribeyre, is due to meet union leaders on April 16 to see if some kind of agreement can be reached.

Most observers here felt the Government would have considerable difficulty in solving this problem, and that the danger of a new spiral of inflation was considerable.—*Reuter*.

Time-Bomb Found In Crates

Nicosia, Apr. 1. Security forces making a snap search of British servicemen's dependent housing areas near Famagusta today found a high explosive time-bomb hidden among empty whisky crates near one of the houses.

The authorities said "scores" of families might have been killed if the bomb had exploded. Meanwhile, the underground resistance organisation EOKA issued a leaflet signed by General Grivas, the organisation's leader, marking the third anniversary of the outbreak of violence in Cyprus.

"We are more powerful than ever before," said the leaflet. "Our ranks are strengthened daily with new blood from the inexhaustible reserves of youth."—*United Press*.

Skaubryn Still Burning At Sea

London, Apr. 1. The Norwegian migrant ship Skaubryn is floating derelict with fire still burning amidships and forward, according to a message received here tonight by Lloyds.

The British tanker Wheatfield (10,040 tons) reported that she had lowered a boat to inspect the Skaubryn, from which 1,287 survivors were rescued when it caught fire in the Indian Ocean en route to Australia.

The Wheatfield said there was too much fire for her to consider towing the burning ship.

The Skaubryn was dangerous to navigation, it added.

Broke Out

First reports from the ship's captain indicated that the fire broke out in the engine room and spread so quickly and violently that efforts to master it were useless.

He said it was silly for Britain, which was co-operating with the United States in this type of programme, to have to spend hundreds of millions of pounds to learn something which the United States could give it for nothing and then might have to help out the British economically in order to make up for the unnecessary financial burden which the United States had imposed upon them for nuclear weapons.

OPPOSITION

The Secretary of State's comments were made in answer to a question about opposition in Congress to the Eisenhower Administration's proposals to amend the present Atomic Energy Act to permit sharing of secrets with allied governments.

The questioner remarked that the chief point of opposition appeared to be a fear "that this would encourage the development of a 'fourth country' as a nuclear power."

Mr. Dulles replied that the Government's programme was not designed, nor would it be used primarily, to expand the number of countries which have nuclear weapons.—*Reuter*.

HK Mental Hospital

London, Apr. 1. Kenneth Robinson, MP, today asked the Colonial Secretary whether the new mental hospital in Hongkong was now completed and to what extent the old mental hospital was still in use.

In a written reply, the Under-Secretary, John Frumace, said a custom-built wing of the new mental hospital, which it was hoped to complete, early in 1960.

There are 395 patients still in the old hospital, he added.—*Reuter*.

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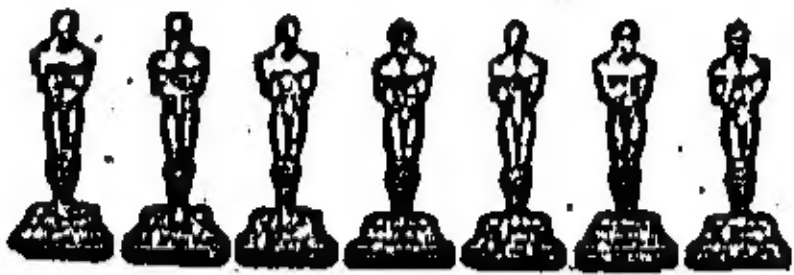
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MURDER IS LIKENED TO CRIMES OF JACK THE RIPPER

London, Apr. 1. Lord Chief Justice Goddard today likened the killing and dismemberment of a 15-year-old boy to the murders of "Jack the Ripper," the London slayer of the last century.

Lord Goddard and four other judges of the court of criminal appeal here were giving their reasons for sentencing a conviction and death sentence on 52-year-old labourer, Albert Edward Matheson, last week.

Matheson — earlier described by Lord Goddard as "a monster" — was convicted of murdering the boy and sawing his body in half in furtherance of theft, a capital charge. On appeal, he had the charge reduced to manslaughter and the sentence to 20 years' imprisonment.

MOST HORRIBLE

The crime, said Lord Goddard today, was most horrible and so revolting as to be almost beyond belief. There had been a homosexual association between the man and the boy.

Matheson had sent anonymous postcards to the boy's mother and a letter to a chief constable before giving himself up to the police, Lord Goddard said.

The defence was diminished responsibility within the meaning of the 1957 Homicide Act, and the prosecution had not challenged the evidence of three doctors who testified to Matheson's abnormality of mind.

There was evidence that Matheson had the mentality of a boy of ten, that he had swallowed razor blades and had injected nails into himself and that he was certifiable under the Mental Deficiency Act.

"The revolting nature of the crime itself," Lord Goddard added, "would cause most people to say that it was the work of a madman resembling as it did the murders of 70 years ago which terrified the East End of London and were known as the 'Ripper murders'." — China Mail Special.

Royal Toast For The RAF



The Queen

London, Apr. 1. THE Queen, tonight drank a fortieth birthday toast to the Royal Air Force at the Fighter Command Headquarters in suburban Stanmore.

She was attending the RAF anniversary dinner in the company of the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family.

The Queen declared that the Royal Air Force had "blazed the air trails across the Atlantic, through Africa and Asia to Singapore and beyond — the nucleus of that vast network of air highways that are now traversed daily by the airways of the world."

The Battle of Britain in 1940 — the Royal Air Force's "weeks of courage which have become an epic" — has taken its place with Trafalgar and Waterloo among the decisive battles of history.

The Queen said: "The old leather flying coat and helmet have already given way to the pressure suit."

"But the task will always be the same — to prevent war by being prepared." — Reuter.

Area Closed

London, Apr. 1. Russia closed the central Asian district of the Soviet Union to foreign diplomats for two or three days in the middle of March, a British Foreign Office spokesman said today. — Reuter.

LUCKY RILEYS (17 OF Them) COLLECT £209,079 POOLS WIN

London, Apr. 1.

The lucky Rileys — 17 of them — from great-grandma down to the grandchildren — streamed into London today to collect a record football pools win of £209,079.

The money was won by father — 58-year-old Thomas Riley, £8 a week mineworker — who last weekend correctly forecast seven drawn games from the list of Britain's professional soccer matches. The winning coupon cost him only two shillings and sixpence.

Three huge limousines led on by the football pool promoters waited here for the Riley family as they arrived by train from the mining village of Horden, County Durham, in the North of England.

"Will you give up your job?" reporters asked Mr Riley.

The pools winner, a small, spare man, grinned widely under his cloth cap.

"I retired as from yesterday — unless I have to work out my notice," he said.

The chattering Rileys were whisked to a luxury hotel, where they put in a birthday phone call to their son Harry in Canton, Ohio, U.S.A. He is 37 today, emigrated 12 years ago.

A visit to Harry and his three sons, one of whom has polo,

was the only definite plan they had for spending their winnings. A pools spokesman called the Rileys' win a "26,000,000 to one chance."

Great-grandma described it as "a bit of all right."

Previous record pools wins were £200,028, won by a Londoner in February and £205,235 which went to a Manchester widow last November.

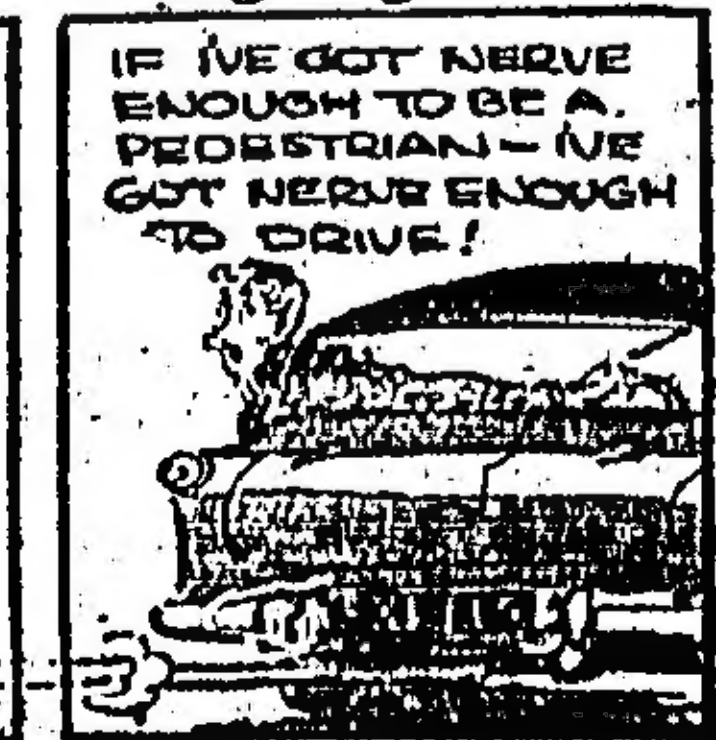
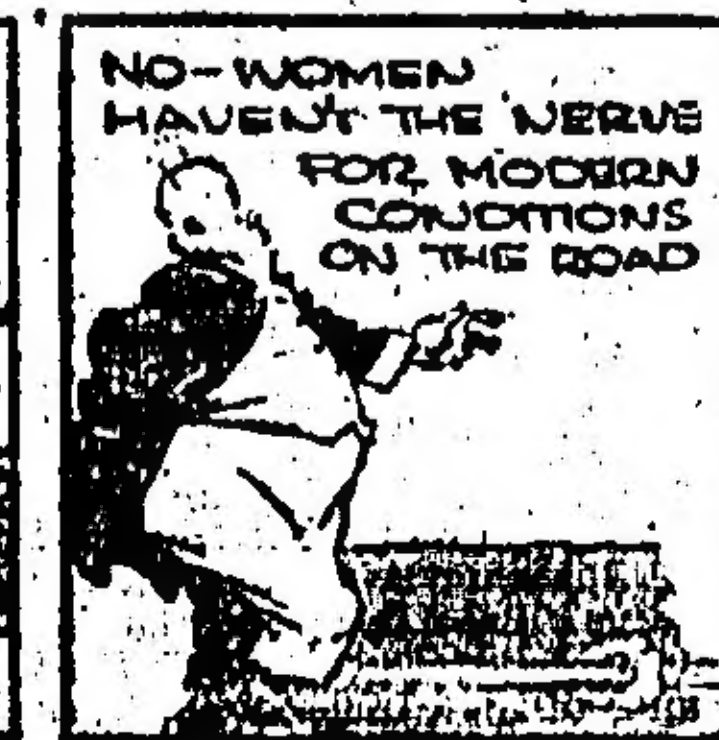
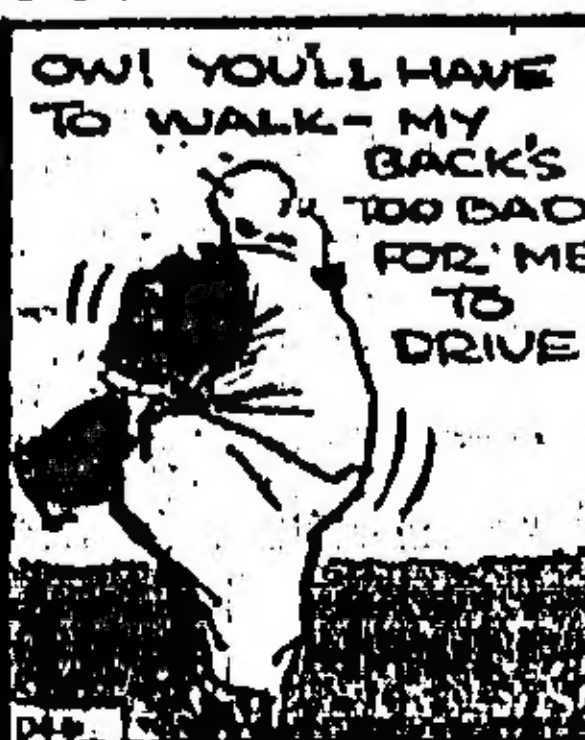
Mrs Riley, who wore a brown hat and a weathered fur coat, said she and her husband had been doing the pools for more than 20 years.

The couple won £409 in 1939 but their only other wins were two small ones of 10 shillings each.

Mr Riley was seriously injured in a mine accident 11 years ago and has been doing light work at the pithead. "I suppose we'll invest most of the money," he said.

The pools representative estimated that the Rileys' winnings could bring in £200 a week if invested. — Reuter.

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ILLITERACY

London, Apr. 1. Kirla Province in northeast China has planned to eliminate illiteracy among its youth and middle aged adults in one year instead of ten years as originally planned, the New China News Agency reported today. — Reuter.

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CABLE BRIEFS

Madrid, Apr. 1. The nurse worried about the patient's condition when he entered a Canary Island hospital for treatment recently of temporary paralysis, the Spanish news agency Cifra reported. Perdomo kept playing awake.

The 68-year-old night watchman told them that he had been awake all his life.

"All I need was a little dark in order to rest," he said. "I've never slept or even felt the need to sleep."

He recovered, too.—United Press

Washington, Apr. 1. Federal Communications Commission Chairman John C. Doerfer, under congressional questioning about his and his fellow commissioners' expense account, said he was induced by the FCC to a code of ethics.

Its primary purpose, he said, is to get employees to play sober in public.—United Press

New York, Apr. 1. The New York Telephone Company set up its annual watch today on the telephone at the Bronx Zoo.

Callers asking for Mr. Bear, Mr. Fox, Mr. Lion, Miss Wolf or Miss Kate will be politely informed that someone must be trying to make them an April Fool.

The phone company said it passed the word to 2,642 callers last April 1.—United Press

Lanaca, Texas, Apr. 1. Two inmates apparently restive with Springtime, volunteered to paint the goal. Police Chief Leo Box said he could only find one color of paint on hand. The Lanaca goal is now very Spring-like.—Pink-United Press

New York, Apr. 1. A "bution man" is defined in a report of the State Legislative Waitehog Committee as:

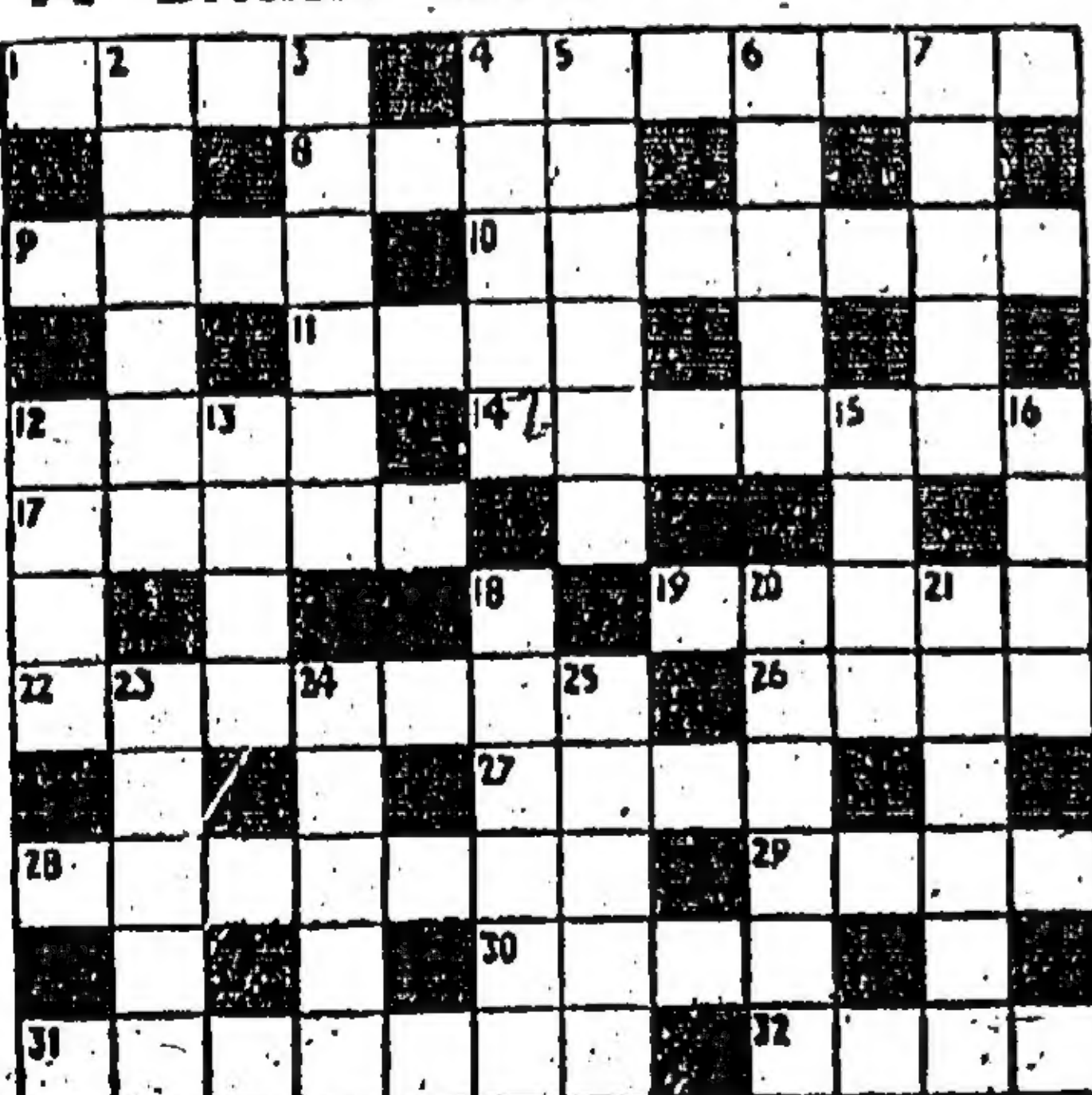
"A promising young Mafia member who has distinguished himself by performing a difficult task for the society, such as performing, organizing or directing an assassination."

Devonshire, Apr. 1. The first Parish Church asked for advice today on a pressing local problem.

The bullocks have been breaking into tradesmen's cash boxes and eating the cash.—United Press

New York, Apr. 1. The New York Herald-Tribune printed on page one today a review of a publication entitled "From The Mark To The Moon," and "A Trip Around It" by one Jules Verne, original publication date, 1865.—United Press

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Place of burial (4).
 - A merciful name (7).
 - Measure (4).
 - Garden material? (4).
 - It's a dandy sin (7).
 - Country (over) (7).
 - One over the eight (4).
 - Certain (4).
 - Pencil-like (7).
 - Get to know (5).
 - Ordeal by (7).
 - Country (over) (7).
 - Spot in the spyllass (4).
 - Drink (4).
 - Goes up the wooden hill? (7).
 - One of the particulars (4).
 - Would "The Horns" be suitable for such a party? (4).
 - Attractive things these (7).
 - Hot riddler (4).
- DOWN**
- This is obscure (6).
 - Prohibitionist standard? (5).
 - Quantities of herrings (5).
 - Even things up (5).
 - Mental defective (5).
 - Wherein to put a statuette, perhaps (5).
 - Fielding error? (4).
 - Completely expressed (4).
 - Speaker's platform (4).
 - Have confidence in (4).
 - Interfere with (5).
 - Throw in one's hand (5).
 - Become evident (5).
 - Stadium (5).
 - Period of rule (5).
 - Puts to the proof (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Michap, 5. Canoe, 8. Peril, 9. Danger, 10. Niece, 11. Shade, 12. Lion, 13. Endog, 14. Sparce, 15. Census, 16. Scene, 17. Kiwi, 18. Deb-l-4, 19. Odour, 20. Design, 21. Hoels, 22. Blood, 23. Elcher, 24. Downy, 25. Meddlers, 26. Benzeny, 27. Apple, 28. Perhaps, 29. Clinders, 30. Allena, 31. Obese, 32. Swillies, 33. Designer, 34. Screamed, 35. Audible, 36. Endure, 37. Cadeh, 38. Tret.

Villagers Plant Razor-Sharp Stakes

Bid To Starve Rebels Fails

Sea Blockade Of Sumatra Is "Ineffective"

Singapore, Apr. 1. Rebel Defence Minister Burhanuddin Harahap declared over Radio Padang today that the Central Government's attempt to starve the rebels has failed. He said that food shipments are reaching the rebels by "other routes" and that the sea blockade of Padang and Praiaman is ineffective.

Meanwhile, Robert Udick, United Press correspondent, reports from Bukittinggi that Central Sumatra villagers have planted thousands of sharpened bamboo poles in open fields to guard against Loyalist paratroopers. Bukittinggi's little-used airfield is a thicket of dead, razor-sharp spears.

Meanwhile, troops of both sides jockeyed today for position with any reports of major conflicts on the several fronts. Tahuk, Pakan Baru, or north Sumatra.

Revolutionary Government spokesman Col. Dahlan Djambek, who returned yesterday from an inspection trip in the Tahuk area, said that government troops beat back attacking Loyalist troops last week and a wide no-man's-land now separates the two sides.

In addition to hundreds of bamboo poles planted over the Bukittinggi airfield, the defenses were also sprinkled with oil drums and mines.

Battle

Revolutionary Interior Minister Dahlan Djambek said that in the Central Sumatra fighting up to Tahuk, 120 Loyalist troops had been killed and five wounded. He did not give any figures for the North, where Djambek claimed that 50 rebels were killed and 22 captured.

Meanwhile, in Djakarta, D. N. Aidit, Secretary of Indonesia's powerful Communist Party, today charged that the United States was supplying arms to the Sumatran rebels.

Later, Dr. Subandrio, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, told reporters that the "Kuomintang" organization would be banned if it extended its activities to the political field, instead of staying in the social sphere as at present.

The Army headquarters had recently claimed that foreign arms dropped to the Sumatran rebels came from Taipei.—United Press and Reuter

WHO'LL BE AKIHIITO'S BRIDE?

Tokyo, Apr. 1. JAPAN'S favourite guessing game—who and when will Crown Prince Akihito marry—has burst forth anew with Spring weather and cherry blossoms.

The latest from the marriage-rumour mill has the Prince linked with 18-year-old Princess Hasegawa Kishiko, daughter of Prince and Princess Kishikawa. However, outside of the fact that she graduated recently from the Seishin High School of Gakushuin University (Peier's University), the Prince's alma mater, and that her family background makes her quite eligible, most reports of romantic meetings seem based more on rumour and wishful thinking rather than on fact.

Members of the Imperial Household staff denied today that the attractive Princess has been seeing the Crown Prince. These authorities also said that newspaper and magazine stories of any impending decision on who may be Japan's future Empress were also based on rumour.

The nation has been hoping for some announcement that a bride has been chosen for the 24-year-old Prince. Many Japanese feel that some announcement may be made this Spring or by Autumn at the latest.—United Press



Prince Akihito

APRIL FOOL STORIES IN EUROPE

Newspapers Hoax Their Readers

London, Apr. 1. Newspaper readers in several parts of Europe had to digest some startling headlines and news items today as editors sprinkled their columns with the traditional hoaxes of April Fool "news".

Some of the samples: Finland sent up a four-stage rocket with a space satellite after gaining access to Russian and Western research material. The satellite was called "Light From the North".

A Vienna newspaper carried a photograph of "an American submarine in the Danube Canal" and another of the space dog Laika landing in Austria with a string of sausages in its mouth and a parrot as a parachute.

Most successful hoax story was that 50 aircraft would drop one million ounces of British-made liqueur, 500,000 ounces of British tea and cornflakes over the Netherlands—as the British people's gratitude "for the magnificent hospitality of the Dutch" during last week's Royal visit.

Radio Bern today caught several hundred April Fools by broadcasting a mock interview with Italian film actress Gina Lollobrigida, inviting fans and autograph hunters to meet her afterwards in a city cinema. Miss Lollobrigida was conspicuous by her absence in the cinema. But a notice on the screen told the April Fools: "Radio Bern thanks you for your visit."—Reuter

ICBM Atlas

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 1. A test firing of the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile was halted just before take-off today when trouble developed in the engine after it had been started up.

This was the second attempt in five days to get the 100-ton missile launched.—Reuter

Cancer—Is Victory Within Reach?

New Drug's Success In Treatment

Washington, Apr. 1. The head of the National Cancer Institute reported today that the US is on the "threshold of breakthroughs" in the treatment of cancer with drugs.

Dr John R. Heller, Director of the Institute, said one such drug—Methotrexate—has "successfully suppressed a solid tumor for the first time."

Heller sounded his note of hope at the opening of the First Cured Cancer Congress. Some 35 delegates to the Congress—all of whom have been cured of cancer—met to launch the 1958 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

The Crusade's goal is to raise \$530,000,000 in 30 days to expand the Society's research and education programmes.

Dr Heller said some 700,000 Americans are under treatment for cancer. This year, he said, some 550,000 will be diagnosed as cancer sufferers, and cancer will claim 250,000 victims.

On the hopeful side, Heller said the nation is making "inroads against cancer" and the survival rate against the disease is improving. He said one out of three cancer patients is saved. Some 800,000 Americans who once had the disease are now leading useful lives, he said.

Heller said the cancer institute is screening about 45,000 chemicals and compounds a year for their anti-cancer properties. Several, he said, have shown "good possibilities" and 44 new drugs are being tried out on human patients.

Dr Lowell T. Coggeshall, President of the Cancer Society, said drugs have been found

which cause cancer to regress for a time.

"They are not yet cures," Coggeshall said, "but they mean more life for the patient."

Coggeshall listed some of these drugs as the nitrogen mustard, related to poison gas; amthoxiprine and 6-mercaptopurine which interfere with cancer metabolism; steroid hormones such as the oestrogens, androgens, or corticosteroids; antibiotics such as azaserine and actinomycin; and radioactive phosphorus and iodine.

Control

Sooner or later, Coggeshall said, drugs will be found that will control, or even cure, particular types of cancer. He said he does not expect one chemical cure for all cancer.

But a prominent feature in Boston today declared "an optimistic optimism" about a vaccine to cure cancer. He said it was "wishful thinking, tinged with scientific irresponsibility."

Dr Sidney Farber, pathologist-in-chief and chief of the Division of Laboratory and Research at Children's Hospital, spoke at the kickoff

CASE OF ANASTASIA: MORE EVIDENCE

Wiesbaden, W. Germany, Apr. 1. A former Russian cavalry officer today delivered testimony backing up the claim of Anna Anderson that she is Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II.

Anna Anderson has conducted long drawn-out legal proceedings in an effort to prove that she is the only surviving descendant of the last Russian Czar, who was assassinated along with his family at the time of the revolution.

The officer, ex-Czarist cavalry squadron commander, Felix Dassel, said that in the months preceding the 1917 Russian revolution, he was in the Quartermaster's military hospital, where the Czar's youngest daughter visited the handful of officers under treatment two or three times a week.

Testifying at home because of ill health, Dassel told a West German court that when he met Anna Anderson in 1927 in Bavaria, he realised she was the Czar's youngest daughter.

He said she replied correctly to questions which only Anastasia could have answered, her mannerisms were those of Anastasia, and she "twisted her handkerchief into a ball as Anastasia had done".

Dassel said Anna Anderson immediately recognised him as an officer of the former regime of which her sister Maria was the honorary commander.

The ex-officer said Anna Anderson had the same blue eyes and the same walk as Anastasia, and he added that she unhesitatingly recognised him as an old photo of a colonel who, she said, "had the habit of keeping his hands in his pockets when he spoke with us".—Express-Press

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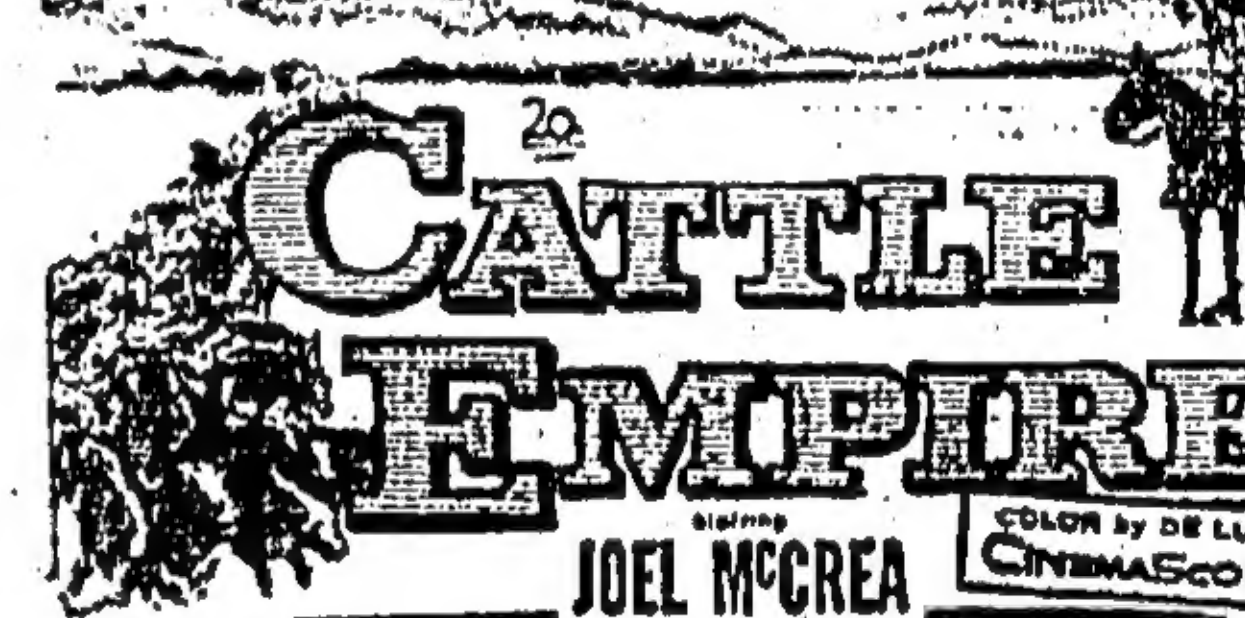
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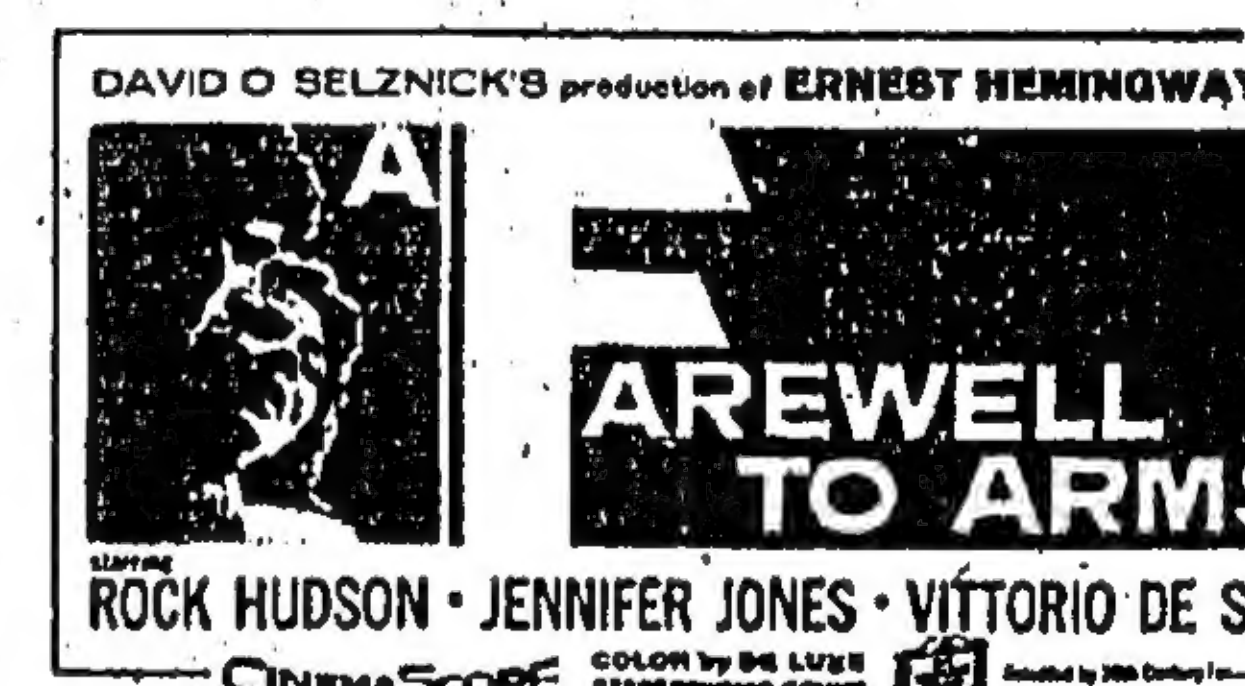
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AND THAT SHOWS HOW TOUGH THINGS ARE IN AMERICA TODAY

WHEN brand-new Cadillacs are being offered at £300 to £400 below list price, then something is seriously wrong with the American economy.

I bought a sports Cadillac the other week, a model called the Eldorado Biarritz, and the salesman gave me a huge allowance on my battered Buick Skylark, which has done 67,000 miles, and threw in several extras—automatic eye, which dips the headlights automatically; tinted windshield to prevent glare, puncture-proof tyres, extra rugs, and rubber mats.

He said: "I won't be able to get more than peanuts for your old car, and I'm cutting my sales commission to the bone, but it's the only way to sell."

Changed

A YEAR ago I would have had to pay the full list price for a new car, and for a Cadillac slip a premium or bonus to the salesman, and put down money for extras I didn't want.

In 12 short months the picture has changed completely, and although the official statistics put consumer prices at an all-

time high, actually you can get practically everything at cut rates.

"I can get it for you wholesale," is the revived slogan. Big firms, such as General Electric, have scrapped the "fair trade" price-fixing and told their agents to sell their products for what the traffic will bear. General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford, the big three, all know that the purchase figures set in Detroit today are meaningless and that prices are being slashed all along the line.

Detroit is now the bleakest city in the nation, with unemployment 250,000 or over 15 per cent of the work force.

The State of Michigan has more than 400,000 unemployed. Governor Mennen Williams says: "We are suffering a major economic disaster."

In the country as a whole the unemployment figure is put at more than 5,000,000, but actually, if you consider part-time workers, it is close to 6,000,000 out of work.

That is not a recession. It is a depression.

A five per cent cut in personal income-tax for everybody is practically a certainty, and there will be a reduction of the 52 per cent tax on company income to 50 per cent. The United States is becoming the country of the cut rate.

Only food and rents remain prodigiously expensive. I see signs of the slump as I go about the city. The beggar is back on the streets, not pleading, "Brother, can you spare a dime," but saying "Gimme a quarter"—which is 25 cents—two and a half times the value of a dime.

'Business'

THE police themselves are doing a good deal of collecting. The city finances are in a poor state, and traffic policemen and patrolmen in many instances are being sent out not so much as to maintain the law but to raise revenue. There are parking meters all over the city—10 cents for an hour's parking—and \$10 to \$15 fine for a violation.

It's obvious that the authorities are anxious that the shopper or commercial traveller shall exceed their hour and have to pay a fine. Speed cops are distributing summonses or tickets for motorists driving at only a few miles above the set speed. A year ago magistrates agreed that 5 m.p.h. leeway was permissible.

But today if you just nudge over the speed limit you pay a heavy fine and have your driving licence endorsed. I was given a ticket on the West Side Highway last week. I said to the cop, who looked rather ludicrous in his baby-blue shock helmet: "Is this fair?" The policeman said: "I'm in business."

DON IDDON'S DIARY

to give so many tickets every day, and I do it. Everyone breaks the speed law all the time, I know. We have to get the revenue."

A few days later I appeared in court. The place was jammed. The judge handed down some very stiff fines—as much as £20 in some instances—and those who couldn't pay were taken off to the cells. I saw several men in handcuffs.

Later the clerk of the court said: "It's just not worth while having a car in New York City, unless it's a midget."

Certainly the traffic tangle in Manhattan is far worse than in London.

A boom in the baby car is growing. There are over 20 makes of small cars from across the Atlantic. Today's New York Times has two whole pages advertising the little automobile.

Three hundred thousand of these small cars will be sold in the United States this year. This is a small percentage of the 6,000,000 United States-made cars sold most years, but it is a beginning.

Both Henry Ford II, and Harlow Curtice, the boss of General Motors, have been against the American-made small car. They said: "For the sort of money the Europeans want our people can buy a second-

hand American car in first-class condition."

But now we have changed their minds, and there are plans to build small, British-style and European-style cars and have them on the market by 1960. For some years General Motors have been turning out the small sports Corvette, and Ford has been manufacturing the sports Thunderbird, but each costs well over £1,000.

Because of my job, which entails very long journeys, often accompanied by two or three people, plus a lot of baggage and equipment, I prefer the big car every time. I know this will cause some annoyance, particularly as I like the big American convertible, which I consider excellent value for money.

Pointer

THE last time I wrote about a car—it was my Buick Skylark—I received 873 letters, many of them critical and some of them abusive. People said they did not want power steering, power brakes, electrically operated windows and seats, automatic gear-change, streaming, electrically operated foot, seating capacity for six. Most of all they didn't want size.

As I happen to live and work in America, I do.

If I've written too much about motor-cars this week, you will understand that Detroit is bound up inextricably with the American depression. But when the motor-car industry coughs, the whole country has pneumonia.

Remember Will Rogers, the crackler-barrel philosopher, said: "America is the only country in history that has gone to the poorhouse in an automobile."

ROUND UP

GENEVA

BRITAIN is claiming the lost world under the North Sea. It is a world of submerged valleys and hills known as the Continental Shelf, an area where sunlight penetrates to all but its deepest points.

As some men plan to go into outer space others are preparing to prospect for mineral wealth on the shelves leading to the deep sea floor.

Great areas of this shelf around the coast of Britain were once dry land.

Of all the parts of the sea the continental shelves are perhaps most directly important to man. Seaweeds are gathered from their submerged plains to make scores of substances used in foods, drugs and other articles.

And, as petroleum reserves left on land areas become depleted, geologists are looking more and more to the possibility that oil may be found under these "lands" bordering the sea.

Britain is claiming sovereignty over this lost world outside the area of territorial sea to depth of 600 feet.

Her claim is that of sole owners of this unknown land for the purpose of exploring and exploiting its maritime resources.

But the British government says the sea above the shelf and outside the three-mile territorial limit should be free to all.

This is only one of the problems that more than 700 politicians, maritime lawyers, ship-owners and others from 76 countries will try to solve during the next nine weeks at a law-of-the-sea meeting in Geneva's Palace of Nations.

It will be the first attempt to do so since the maritime nations failed 38 years ago to agree at the Hague to draft new laws relating to the sea.

Fishing activities, piracy, slave trading, and flags of convenience are among the matters to be dealt with.

The biggest fight of all will be over the question of the limit of territorial waters. Britain wants to keep this down to three miles, but most countries want to extend their limits to 12 miles or more.

NEW YORK

A NEW drug, which gives a relief to heart attack victims by dissolving blood clots within minutes, is in use in an American hospital.

The drug, an unnamed mould, has been given to 25 patients who suffered heart attacks or strokes. It had dramatic effect. It thinned out the blood clots which had caused their collapse, and eliminated them.

It brought the patients peace and calm and ended their pain. The drug did its work in minutes.

These announcements by the American Heart Association made headline news throughout America.

The small Massachusetts hospital, where the drug's discoverer—Dr Mario Stefanel—works, was swamped with calls asking when the drug would be available generally.

Callers were told the drug was in the shortest supply, and still in its infant stage.

The American Heart Association said of the drug: "It is innocuous and can be used on the slightest of patients. Its discovery ranks as one of the major heart developments—it is dramatic and quick. If it is used early enough, a great portion of the long-term damage associated with heart attacks is avoided."

GENEVA

SMALL quantities of uranium have been found in the valley of the Dix in the Swiss Canton of Valais. Geologists say these discoveries may be more important than those in Canada and even richer in pure uranium.

The Swiss Federal government has asked prospectors not to start a rush as "it might hinder the official government prospectors now working in the region."

NEPAL

BEAGLES—and not spaniels as previously reported—will be used to help an American expedition to track down the abominable snowman in the Himalayas.

The Nepal Government has permitted the expedition to use dogs only in flushing their quarry. They must definitely not be used for attacking and destroying the precious snowman.



"Thanks to your talk about reducing his subsidies he says we've got to produce four liters a year instead of two."

This Funny World



"Now not another peep out of you about wanting a drink!"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

POLITICIANS, like actors, should retell what has happened with unsolicited food.

If I were a politician I would stuff my pockets with missiles before speaking at a meeting, and I would start to throw them before the audience had organized its attack. Then, a water-pistol in one hand and a decaying fish in the other, I would address the meeting. Attack is the best defence, though I know there are many speakers who, smarting from a barrage of eggs, agree with Disraeli's remark at High Wycombe, "Hold your fire until you see the whites of their eyes."

Scrape, scrape

THE violinist invited to a musical party dislocated his arm during the scramble for Turkish prawns on horse-blanc, and went home. A shy-looking man whom nobody seemed to know offered to deputise. He

announced that he would play a piece by a friend of his, and explained that it was rather "advanced" music, based on Schuffel's theories of composition. He scratched away for a bit, and there was some nervous applause. If it was "advanced" music it must be all right. He was asked for an encore, but declined the honour. "I've never played a violin before," he said, "and I don't care for it much. I must say, 'Oh, well,' said a young girl with a glass of sherry in one hand and a glass of gin in the other, "there's a first time for everything, I suppose."

Now's your chance

WHAT is it that has nine handles, black spots on its lid, a three-inch hinge, no pendulum, a wire container, and shuts up like a concertina? The prize for the correct answer to 12 months in lovely Leeds with the Bampfylde Kitchen Utensil Enquiry Team, and clock-golf on Wednesday afternoon with the members of the Upwich Literary Circle.

Derbyshire shows the way

MANUFACTURERS of bed-mattresses should have realised that a woman who comes home with frozen knees after a day in a short dress needs long sheets on her bed. The women of Derbyshire are campaigning for longer sheets so that the tallest, whose feet stick out of the windows in tiny houses, can at any rate cover their knees. A councillor said, "I do not want to have to curl up like a hedgehog." One foolish woman who slept with her head at the foot of the bed and her feet on the pillow said, "The short sheet, even so, failed to cover my knees."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

BORN today, you may become one of the eminently successful individuals in your sphere of influence. You have considerable literary ability and should be able to express yourself vividly and dramatically. Your life may not always be an easy one, but you have the ability to fight against opposition and come out on the winning side. Your staying powers are excellent and, once you set your mind to something, you are it through.

You are a good judge of character and are able to select people who can assist you toward success. Although you like to believe that your reasoning powers are beyond average, it is actually your intuitive powers that are exceptional. You are often able to make quick decisions without giving any reason for doing so. You like to think it is all due to your past experience. Actually it may be your birthday star guiding you with great accuracy.

Since you have a great deal of nervous energy, you must learn to use it wisely. You often work at a high rate of production for long periods of time. This will take its toll unless you also learn to relax at regular intervals. Sometimes, merely changing what you are doing will turn the trick. A change of scene is also helpful. Just live up to the best that is in you and you may become outstanding.

Among those born on this date were: Emily Zola, author; Rita Naldi, actress; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, educator, and Charlemagne, emperor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You will find that being co-operative with others on both the domestic and business fronts brings good success.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Initiative and inventiveness are two things which will further your advance toward success now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You may receive assistance from someone close to you. Accept help graciously now. Later you can return the favor.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—There is a venturesome spirit in the air today. Join others in some project, but calculate the risk first.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Get out and meet new people. It may be time to make some changes in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—New contacts may bring increased business opportunities. See that you make the most of all that is offered.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may combine business and social interests advantageously now. One can help the other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Friendly contacts can be useful as well as entertaining. Encourage new acquaintances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Combine travel and romance. Perhaps take your "intended" to visit your family. Enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—This is the time when being progressive on the job brings increased income as well as prestige.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The stars are smiling on you now. Increase your success potential on the job as well as enjoying yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may feel venturesome when it comes to some business transaction. The chances are you can win, too!

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Beginner's Play Would Be Tops

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE four-quad contract in today's hand is a proper one. Just in case you readers think that declarer never goes wrong I want to point out that the actual declarer who happens to be one of our top players managed to go down one trick while most beginners would have made the hand easily.

West's queen of diamonds held the first trick and his jack held the second. Now West shifted to a heart. South won with dum-

NORTH		10	
♠ 1075			
♥ A J 3			
♦ K 6 5 2			
♣ J 5 3			
WEST		EAST	
♠ Q 5 4	♠ 8 2		
♥ 9 7 5 2	♥ K Q 8 6 4		
♦ Q J 1 0 9	♦ A 8 4		
♣ Q 2	♣ 7 6 4		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A K 1 0 6			
♥ 1 0			
♦ 7 3			
♣ A K 1 0 8 5			
No one vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ Q			

my's ace, led the ten of spades and was careful to play the nine from his own hand. West gathered in his queen and led another heart which South ruffed with the jack of spades.

Now South laid down the ace of spades and was pleased to note that East dropped the eight.

South cashed his ace of clubs and "entered dummy" with the seven of spades. The jack of clubs was led and finessed and West made his unguarded queen to set the hand.

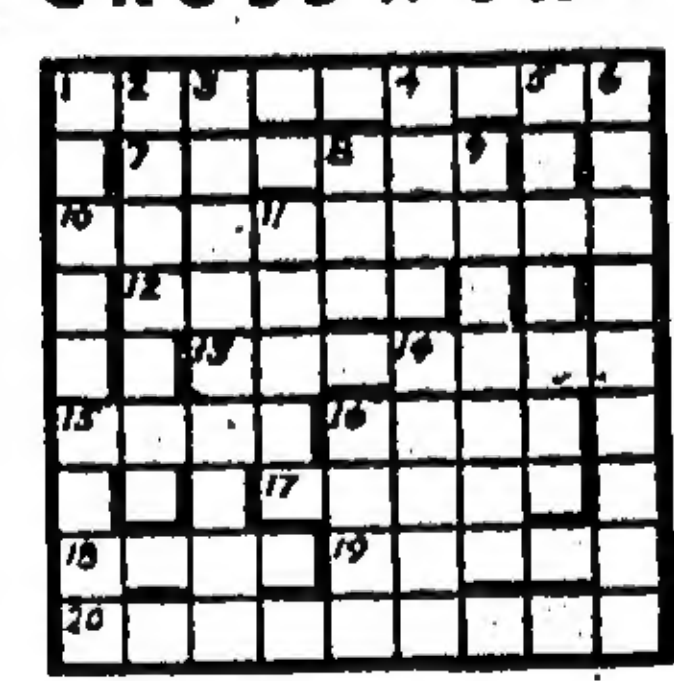
Why would a less experienced player have made the hand? Simple! He would have led the ten of spades from dummy all right but he would have played the six from his own hand; not the nine. Then he would not have been able to get the dummy to take that club finesse and would have had to drop the queen of clubs and make his contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠
You, South, hold:
♠AKJ5 ♣KQ4 ♢76 ♣1053
What do you do?
A—Bid four no-trump, if partner holds as many as two aces, you can't be in a slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠109753 ♣82 ♢J10 ♣KQ63
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. No-good timekeeper? (4-8)
7. Putting (6)
10. Cleaners (9)
12. One of Thore, (11)
13. Court case (7)
15. Shine (4)
17. Lower clip (4)
17. Teams (6)
18. Key repository... (4)
19. One of these masts (4)
20. Flamboyance (9)
Down
2. Harsh (9)
3. Part of many a machine (10)
4. Pasture of Kent landscape (6-8)
5. Car soon (anag.) (7)
6. Or else to gardeners in high sun (5)
8. Bill's partner (6)
9. A liar (7)
11. The go with anova (5)
14. Horned (4)
16. Siam's (6)
16. Siam's (6)

CHESS NEWS

By LEONARD BARDEN
Solution No. 3375: Black to move
1. ♖e4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 ♖e4
3. ♗e2 ♗g5 4. ♗f3 ♖e4
5. ♗e2 ♗g5 6. ♗f3 ♖e4
7. ♗e2 ♗g5 8. ♗f3 ♖e4
9. ♗e2 ♗g5 10. ♗f3 ♖e4
11. ♗e2 ♗g5 12. ♗f3 ♖e4
13. ♗e2 ♗g5 14. ♗f3 ♖e4
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97. ♗e2 ♗g5 98. ♗f3 ♖e4
99. ♗e2 ♗g5 100. ♗f3 ♖e4

WOMANSENSE

NOT WHAT THEY SEEM



At right: The most elegant fashion freak of them all: "Tweed" printed chiffon by Fergusons, made up into separates by Digby Morton. The sleeveless shirt blouse is linked to the skirt by a wide black sash.

At left: Here's a wash and drip-dry suit in another new fabric Courtelle acrylic jersey. It looks like wool but can be washed. The suit is by Dorville.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chris And The Moths

—Cricket Was The Only One Who Heard Them Talking—

By MAX TRELL

IT all happened last night after all of you were asleep," said Christopher Cricket to Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned About Name, Teddy the Stuffed Bear, and Hlawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian. "They came right in through the open window."

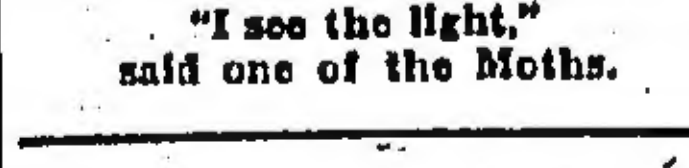
"Who did?" Knarf asked. "Butterflies," said Christopher. "Butterflies don't fly at night," said Hlawatha.

"They looked like Butterflies," said Christopher. "They were white and had wings," said Hlawatha.

"That's what I was going to say," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear. "Butterflies that fly around at night aren't Butterflies. They're Moths."

Teddy was going to go on and tell all he knew about Moths, but Knarf interrupted him.

"Let Chris finish telling about what happened after the Moths flew in at the window," said Christopher Cricket, who had been sitting on a splinter of wood to one side of the fireplace, crossed four or five of his long legs and began his story.



"I see the light," said one of the Moths.

"Now what happened was this. You boys had gone off to bed, but Father was sitting under the lamp with Mother. They were both reading books. There was no sound, except when they turned the pages."

He Heard Voices
"All of a sudden, I thought I heard some voices outside the window. I was sitting in the room, just under the lamp, but I'm sure nobody could see me in the thick carpet."

"The voices outside the window were getting louder and clearer. I distinctly heard one of them saying: 'The window's open. Let's fly in! There's a light burning!'"

"The next second, one of these white Butterflies—
"Moths," said Hlawatha. "I mean Moths—came flying in through the window. Then three more Moths came flying in after the first one. They all started flying around and around the lamp."

"Didn't Mother and Father hear them?" asked Knarf. "No," said Christopher Cricket. "They kept right on reading. But after while they looked up and noticed them."

"Shoo," said Father. "Go away!"

"Mother waved her hand at them to chase them away. But the Moths kept chasing each other, round and round the lamp. 'I guess,' continued Christopher, 'those Moths were playing a game of tag.'"

"First they'd go one way and then another. They kept shouting and laughing. At any rate, I heard them shouting and laughing. Mother and Father didn't."

"I wish those silly Moths would go away," Mother said, "they're very bothersome."
"It's getting very late anyway," said Father. "We'd better go to bed."
"With that," said Christopher

Cricket, "Father put out the light. It's across the street, certainly has sharp ears."

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Tommy Atkin's **ARMY SPORTS PARADE**

The Sports Parade spotlight features far too often the departure of prominent Army sportsmen and this week it is with regret that I record the departure of several who by their skill, sportsmanship, and personality, have contributed much to local sport.

Foremost among these must come Major Gordon Newark, RAOC of 6 COB, who leaves with Colony Combined Services and Army honours, and not content with these has presented his unit at cricket, athletics, shooting and several other parties.

Hockey Fans

He will be long remembered for his skill at hockey where I have yet to see him play a poor game, but what has probably endeared him most to local hockey fans is the scrupulous fairness of his play. Very seldom did he attract the attention of an umpire for more than a technical breach of the laws, and his cheerfulness and equanimity of temperament have made him a team captain it will be hard to replace.

Another all round sports personality is CSM 1 Fred Kirkham APTC and his interests are almost too numerous to mention. Top flight soccer and basketball referee, he played and coached the Army team at the latter sport. Besides being an instructor and top grade fencer, he found time to referee boxing and water polo, was Secretary to the Army Referees

Association, and I am sure I've missed out almost as many of his activities as I've mentioned. He will undoubtedly leave a gap in the APTC ranks it will be hard to close and many local sports will miss his pleasant personality.

The Reverend Bill Williams RA Ch. D. genial skipper of the Army South side, also departs and cricket in general will miss him. His side has not met with the success it has deserved this season, and has been a little overshadowed by the Army team from the North, but his handling of the available material has been first class and though the side may be a little down the list this year all have enjoyed, I know, a pleasant season under his captaincy.

Capt. Mike Koe RE and Sgt. Smith of 24 Field Engineer Regt., Army hockey players who have put up some wonderful games, also depart, and the Regiment itself must not be forgotten. It has been chiefly famous for its football, of course, but it has had a go at everything in the sporting calendar and built up a reputation second to none for sportsmanship of the highest order, and many local sportsmen will be sorry as I am to see them go.

Athletic Meet

The annual athletic meeting of REME held at Boundary Street last Wednesday was not favoured by the best of weather.

A large crowd was determined however to enjoy the afternoon of endeavour with the highlight an attack on the Colony and Army record by that pair of

speed merchants Mike Goddard of the RAF and REME's Sgt. Len Barnes.

Set to better 4 minutes 27.4 put up by Lt. Keith Burch, both started off at a tremendous pace with Barnes building up a ten yard lead in a first lap of 30 seconds with the rest of the field trailing a long way behind. Taking four seconds longer for the second circuit, Goddard had moved up to a position immediately behind Barnes who still had to make the running. A slight relaxing of pace produced a three quarters time of 3 minutes 20, with the record a distinct possibility.

Lovely Condition

Both were tiring, however, for while the track was in lovely condition humidity was 100 per cent and began to take its toll. Holding the lead down the back stretch Barnes kept Goddard at bay and when the Almon's challenge came he was made to run in the outer lane for a hundred yards before getting in front, but once there he cut in and opened a three yards gap to reach the tape in 4 minutes 28.2 seconds, just 8 of a second out about a second away.

This excellent race thrilled, I am sure, the large gathering, for their applause was loud and sustained.

These stylish runners train together and are firm friends off the track, but I know it is Len Barnes dearest, wish to reverse the usual order of finishing and if he continues to improve this is a distinct possibility. Unfortunately Mike Goddard is also getting a yard or two faster every time he races, but it will be interesting to see what

happens. It is almost a certainty that this record, plus the 480 yds will go before the season's end and both athletes have a number of 'open' events to attend in the next few days.

This afternoon at Boundary Street both attempt to break the existing 880 yds best time and for those who like to see records fall I suggest you go along. It could happen. As an added attraction S.M.I. Coleman APTC will be losing a hammer to distant parts of the ground and I confidently expect the local record for that event to be well and truly shattered.

Athletes are reminded that the Army Individual Athletic Meeting will be held at Boundary Street on Saturday, April 26.

A letter has just gone out calling for entries and all are asked to make the task of the DOPT easier by notifying him of your intention to enter.

Basketball Draw

The draw for the Hongkong stage of the FARELF Basketball Championship has been made and the HKCTU made the journey to Sek Kong to oppose 1/6 Gurkha Regt and while they returned victorious the Gurkhas gave them as hard a game as they have had over the past two years, and the result was in doubt up to the closing seconds of the game when the reigning FARELF champions drew away to a 22-16 win. Their chief rivals, 50 Coy RASC, also go into the country to meet 49 Field Regt RA and likewise I forecast a winning trip.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Governor's Cup, 1st match at H.K. Stadium, HKFA v CAAP at 3.30 p.m.
Tennis
Colony Grassroots Championships at Chester Road, 1.30 p.m.

Althea Gibson Planning To Give Up Lawn Tennis

Kingston, Apr. 1. American lawn tennis star Althea Gibson announced here that she is planning to give up tennis shortly to enter the field of night club entertainment in the United States.

Miss Gibson, Wimbledon and United States Champion, made the announcement after signing at a reception in her honor at a club at the resort of Montego Bay,—Reuter.

Orient Bantam Champion To Defend Title

Tokyo, Apr. 1. The Orient Bantamweight Boxing Champion, Leo Espinosa of the Philippines, tonight signed a contract to defend his title against Sadao Yoda of Japan in Tokyo on April 11.

Espinosa failed in his attempt for the Orient Featherweight title on Sunday when he was defeated on points by Hisao Kobayashi of Japan.—Reuter.

THEY RODE TO FAME**THE CHIFFNEYS MADE AND FRITTERED AWAY FORTUNES**

By PERCY RUDD

No biography of Sam Chiffney Jr. could ignore his father, who taught young Sam all he knew about horses and horsemanship. And no biography of Sam Chiffney Sr. would be complete without the story of the great turf scandal of the 18th century, in which the Prince Regent (afterwards King George IV) was involved.

Let us therefore start this account of the son, who for nearly half a century was the most famous of contemporary jockeys, with the scandal that drove his father into the racing wilderness, and his Royal patron from Newmarket Heath.

On October 20 and 21, 1791, the Prince's horse Escape (so named because he emerged unhurt after kicking his way clear when he became cast in his box) ran in two races at Newmarket, ridden by Sam Chiffney Sr.

The first time, he started favourite and finished last of four; the second time he started third favourite and won. There was a storm of angry comment, and Chiffney was called before the Jockey Club stewards.

Sam said that Escape was an in-and-out runner, that the first race—over a little more than

two miles—brought him on a hot and the second race, over the Beacon four-mile course, bore no comparison to it. Even so, he had had no real confidence in his mount and his bet had been only £20.

Died In Prison

He was bold enough to suggest that if the stewards wanted illustrations of in-and-out running, they might look at two horses owned by one of themselves, Sir Charles Bunbury, Bellario and Sam, had been down the field one day and on the next had beaten more distinguished opponents; Sorcerer had lost to a plater and afterwards had won in high-class company.

Can you wonder after this that Sam was condemned by his judges? Sir Charles Bunbury informed the Prince that if he employed Chiffney to ride for him again no member of the Jockey Club would race against him.

The Prince was furious and withdrew both Bellario and his horses from Newmarket. Nine years later, he returned to the turf to race, but he kept his word never to patronise Newmarket again.

To his jockey he made an allowance of 200 guineas a year, saying "You have been an honest and a good servant to me". Sam had assigned away this pension for £1,200 before he died penniless in Fleet Prison, to which he had been committed for a £250 debt.

His elder son Will was too big for a jockey, and later became the Royal trainer, but Sam Jr. fulfilled his father's hope that his skill in the saddle would be inherited by one of his boys. Not long after the old man's death both sons had become wealthy. Nobility made pats of them and they rode to hounds many times.

The Demon

When he was 13 Sam the second weighed only 4st 2lb, but in the winter months of later years he scaled 8st 7lb and like Fred Archer afterwards must have punished himself much to ride at 8st 4lb. He was lazy and liked wasting. He would do it for some owners, but not for others, so he lost many profitable mounts. It was difficult in his later days to get him on to the Heath to ride in early-morning trials.

The life of a country gentleman was what appealed to him most—he was never happier than when he was strolling across the countryside with a gun in his hands and his favourite pointer beside him. On his small estate, Fidge Farm (named after his first winning horse), he kept game-cocks and pet fowls, and spent

hours on summer mornings watching the cubs at play when he should have been riding "work" on the Heath.

When he played cricket, and he should have been fielding, he stretched himself out on the grass and stayed there until it was his turn to bat.

Poverty

Twice he won the Derby and five times the Oaks, but the Leges always evaded him, though he was second three times. Like Lester Piggott in 1897 he triumphed in the Derby and Oaks in the same week, in 1818. He won the Derby on Sam, a horse named after himself.

His second Derby, in 1819, was won on Salior, a sturdier horse who was lucky enough to find conditions unexpectedly perfect for him. At 4 a.m. on the morning of the race a tempest roared over the downs, smashing the booths and leaving the course like a quagmire.

When he won the Ascot Gold Cup on Zingane, carriages were queued up for half a mile outside the racecourse, and some people didn't get in until the race was over. Sam rode St. Francis into the second place in the same race in 1840, beaten by the shortest of short heads. He was 63 then.

Prism, bought by his brother for 1,000 guineas when a yearling, was one of the greatest horses of the era. He was walked from Newmarket to Epsom for the 1830 Derby and Will, more energetic on foot than Sam, walked by his side most of the way.

Sam Day rode him to victory and the brothers cleaned up £12,000 in stakes and bets. Between them they made and frittered away fortunes. They were both far too easy and open-handed to worry about putting away something for a rainy day, and they died in poverty, as their father did.

The end came to Sam at Hove, Sussex, ten years after he had ridden his last race at the age of 83. In another three years William had also died—the last of the Chiffneys. They brought to riding the theory of the slack rein, and the rushing finish, which Gordon Richards and Harry Wragg have respectively practised so successfully in modern times.

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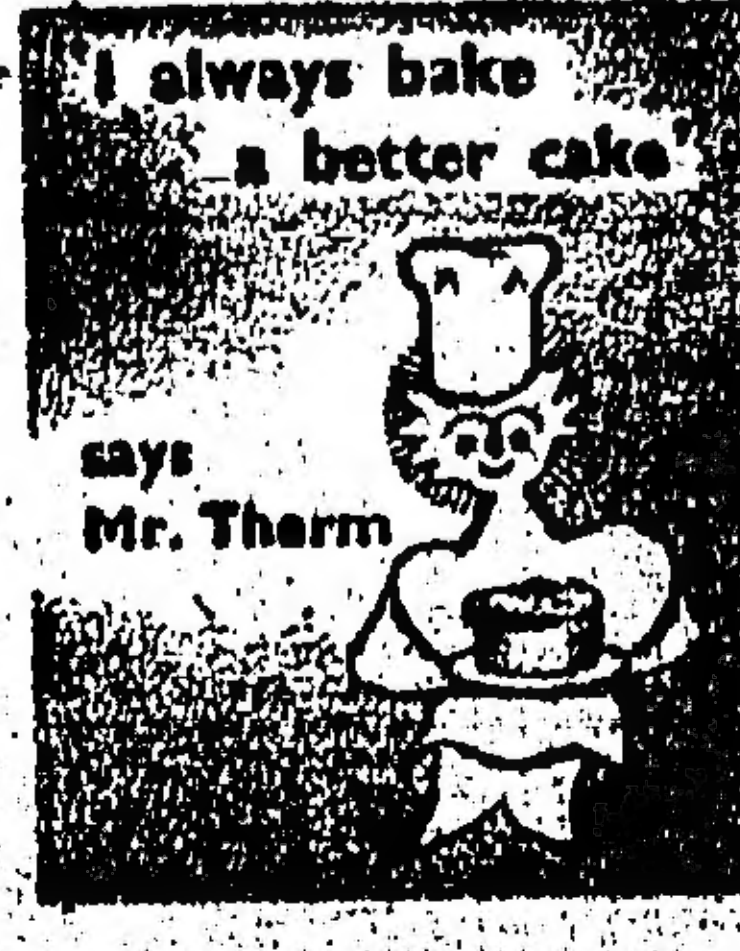
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Patterson Greatly Impressed By Warm Reception

London, Apr. 1. American World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Floyd Patterson left London by air tonight for New York after a ten-day stay in Britain, during which he gave three exhibition bouts.

Patterson said at the airport that he was "looking forward to coming back" to Britain. "I am greatly impressed by the warmth of the reception I have had," he added.

The champion's manager, Cus D'Amato, who accompanied Patterson on the trip, said the main reason for his own visit to Britain was to discuss with London match-maker Harry Levene the possibility of staging a world heavyweight boxing title fight in London.

"We shall be back as soon as Mr Levene can fix up the fight," D'Amato stated, adding when asked for a date: "It will take some time."

It was understood here that Levene had hoped to match Patterson against Dick Richardson of Wales for the world crown, but that this plan had probably fallen through following Richardson's defeat by disqualification here last week at the hands of American heavyweight Cleveland Williams.

It was not known here who would be Patterson's opponent in an eventual London title fight, and whether or not the challenger would be a British boxer.—France-Press.

£53,000 OFFER

Denver, Apr. 1. World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, who has just completed an exhibition tour of Britain, has been offered a £53,000 dollars (£53,000 sterling) guarantee to defend his title here in July.

Denver promoter Mr. Joe Dwyer, announcing this tonight, proposes that Patterson should meet the winner of next Thursday's fight here between Nino Valdes (Cuba) and Leno Bertha (US).—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

Tour Of India

Port of Spain, Apr. 1. The West Indies Cricket Board of Control yesterday announced the names of 16 players for the 1958-59 tour of India.

They are: Frank Worrell (Barbados), captain, Evans Alexander (Jamaica), vice-captain and wicketkeeper, Roy Gilchrist, John Hendricks, Colville Smith (all Jamaica), Eric Atkinson, Robin Bynoe, Conrad Huntie, Garfield Sobers (Barbados), Basil Butcher, Lance Gibbs, Rohan Kanhai, Joe Solomon (British Guiana).

"Sonny" Ramadhin, Willie Rodriguez, and Jeswick Taylor (Trinidad).

The selection of Bynoe, an opening batsman, is a surprise. He made his first class debut for Barbados against Pakistan on the recent tour.

Hendricks is likely to be the reserve wicketkeeper.

Mr. Berkeley Gaskin of British Guiana will manage the team, which is expected to leave the West Indies about October 10.

The proposed itinerary, which will include five Tests, will end in February.

The team may also visit Pakistan.—Reuter.

Floyd Patterson Plans To Keep Fighting For His Heavyweight Title

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Manager Cus D'Amato says his World Heavyweight Champion, Floyd Patterson, will defend four times this year, and if so, it should finally bring Patterson, the anonymous champion, into the fame usually associated with the title he holds.

Patterson, although he has promise of being a great champ, still is almost unknown to the general public. D'Amato is the reason for this—he has matched Floyd carefully and his bouts have been well-spaced. So the middleweight title fights of Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio have aroused more excitement than the heavyweights.

Floyd won the title by beating Archie Moore in the final bout of an elimination series to replace the retired Rocky Marciano, and even this was less spectacular than if Patterson had won by beating the champ. Then Floyd defended against Hurricane Jackson and then against Pete Rademacher, who was making his professional debut.

A busy campaign by Patterson against the top contenders would do much to stimulate lagging interest in boxing in the US.

Why is the boxing interest lagging? Most of the blame must go on television and the International Boxing Club, which are so closely allied that it is impossible to separate them for an assessment of blame.

Blame On TV

The IBC has the contracts to arrange all the TV fights—a weekly bout on Wednesday nights on one network for a year, and a weekly fight on Friday nights on another network for a year. The IBC has been able to get at least two bouts per week on their home TV. Sometimes there has been a Monday night TV fight by still another network and sponsor, with no connection with the IBC.

Thus there have been at least eight televised main events per month for several years, using the services of 16 boxers. There

hasn't enough talent to meet the relentless demand, so kids have been thrown into main events long before they are bona-fide main-event fighters. Many of the fights have been dull, some have been boring, a few have been atrociously bad. And the once-avid fans, now sated, have begun to tune in other TV shows at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Paradoxically

Because those fans could get all the boxing they wanted at no cost on their TV sets, they stopped going to the small fight clubs and those clubs went out of business. Thus the major source of new talent, so needed by TV, was paradoxically killed by TV.

The IBC turned to Europe to get talent and has itself imported, or encouraged others to import, such as Ray Fenech, Pierre Langlois, Robert Villa, main and Lohouri Godih, all of France; Hogan Bassey of Nigeria, Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, Willi Hoepner of Germany, Alex Miteff of Argentina, Paolo Rosi and Italo Scorticchini of Italy, Chris Christensen of Denmark, and Isaac Logart of Cuba.

This fresh blood has kept boxing alive in the US, but the sport sorely needs a colourful heavyweight champion to act as bellwether to keep the sports public's attention on boxing.—United Press.

SHEK O GOLF

MOODIE WINS BARRY CUP

On Sunday last, R.P. Moodie won the Barry Cup played over 36 holes against bogey with a score of 6 down. Messrs H.D. Barton and O. Turville were runners-up with scores of 3 down but Barton took the prize having had the better second round. After the finish of this competition Mrs H.D. Barton presented the prizes for the winners of all the competitions held during the winter season which ended on 30th March. The full list of prize winners is as follows:—

21st Oct. Flag—G. W. Jones.
Oct. Stableford "A"—H. Cleland. "B"—G.A. Bell.
Nov. 10/11 Stableford—A.S. Hill.
Nov. Bogey "A"—Maj. G.C.S. Turner. "B"—G.A. Bell.
Dec. Medal "A"—R.P. Moodie. "B"—C.L. Hill.

Archib. Lyle Cup—Winner F. de Jong. Runner-up J. Shoemaker.
Jan. Stableford "A"—H.D. Barton. "B"—Maj. J.C. Robertson.
Feb. Bogey "A"—Maj. J.C. Robertson. "B"—J.A. Cheetham.

March Medal "A"—N.P. Fox. "B"—A.B. Henningsen.

Barry Cup Winner—R.P. Moodie. Runner-up—H.D. Barton.

During April there is a running Stableford pool, and over the Easter holiday a 4-card eclectic competition.

Jack Kramer Appointed U.S. Davis Cup Coach

Special Coaching For Barry

San Francisco, Apr. 1.

James Moffett, Chairman of the United States Davis Cup Selection Committee, today appointed Jack Kramer—the professional player-promoter—as coach for the American Davis Cup tennis team.

Moffett asked Kramer to take the young hope, Barry Mackay, under his wing as soon as Mackay returns home from a current trip in Europe.

Mackay will be coached by the top professional stars of the "Kramer circus": Pancho Gonzales, Lew Hoad, Tony Trabert, and Pancho Segura.

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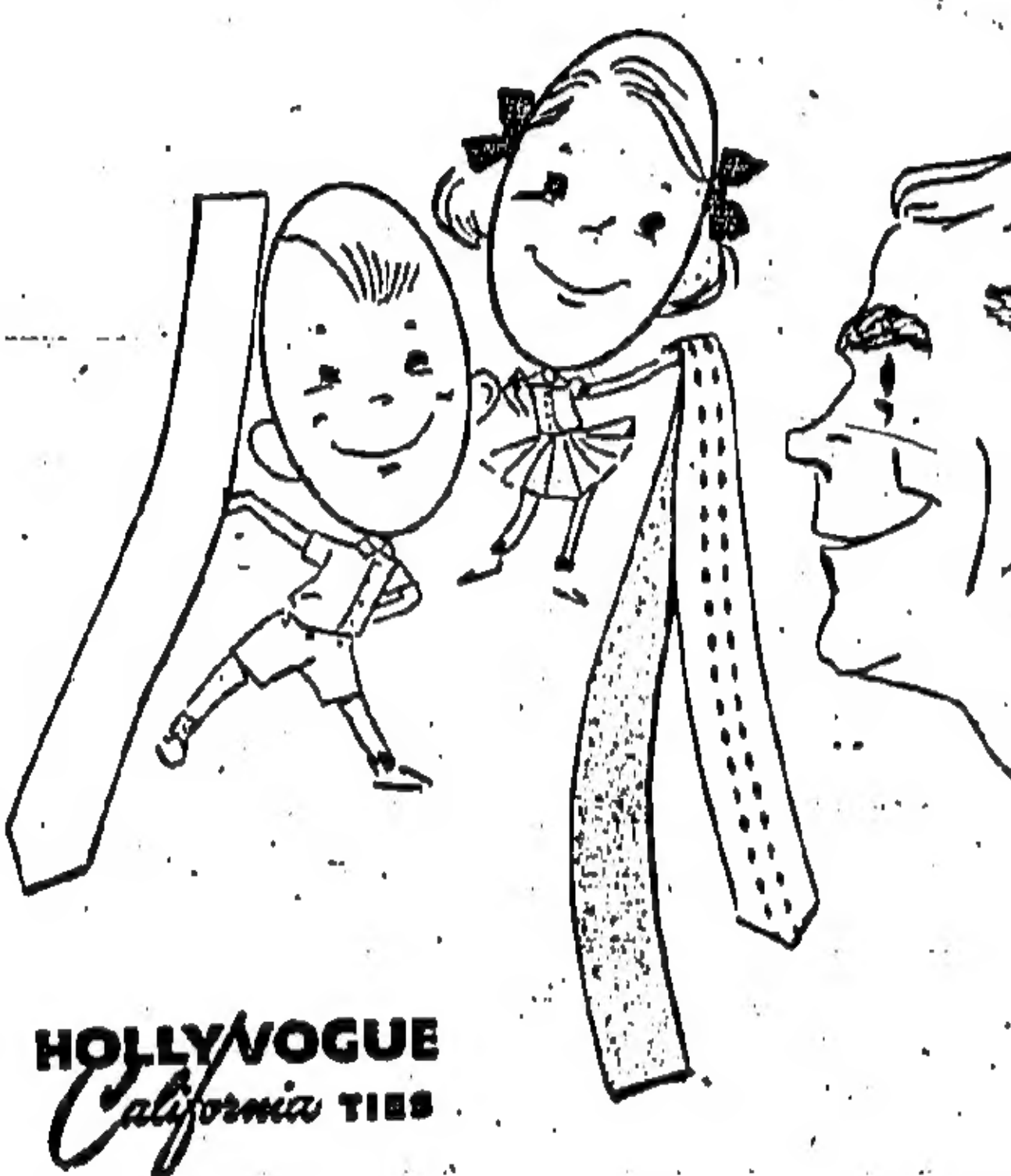
After daily training with these players, Mackay will go to Los Angeles for further coaching under the personal direction of Kramer.

The US Davis Cup Selection Committee is shortly to choose a number of other young tennis hopes to join Mackay with the Kramer circus. They will be selected from among the following players: Ron Holmberg, Mike Green, Whitney Reed, Jack Douglas, Mike Franks and Gil Shea.

The US plays its first 1958 Davis Cup match against Venezuela in Caracas during the month of May. The winner of this encounter will be matched against Canada.—France-Press.

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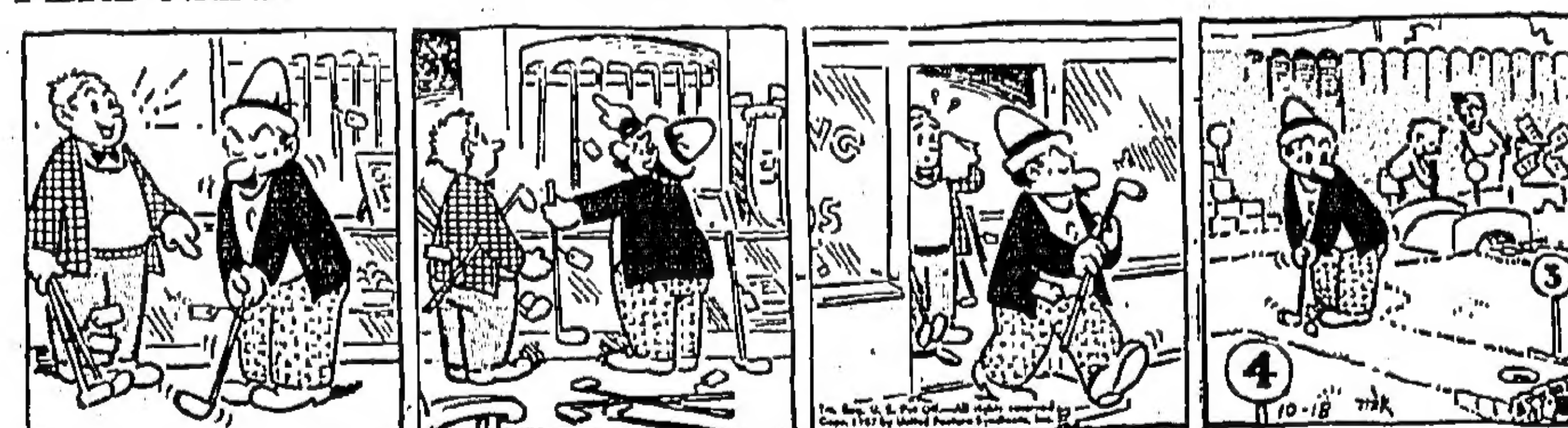


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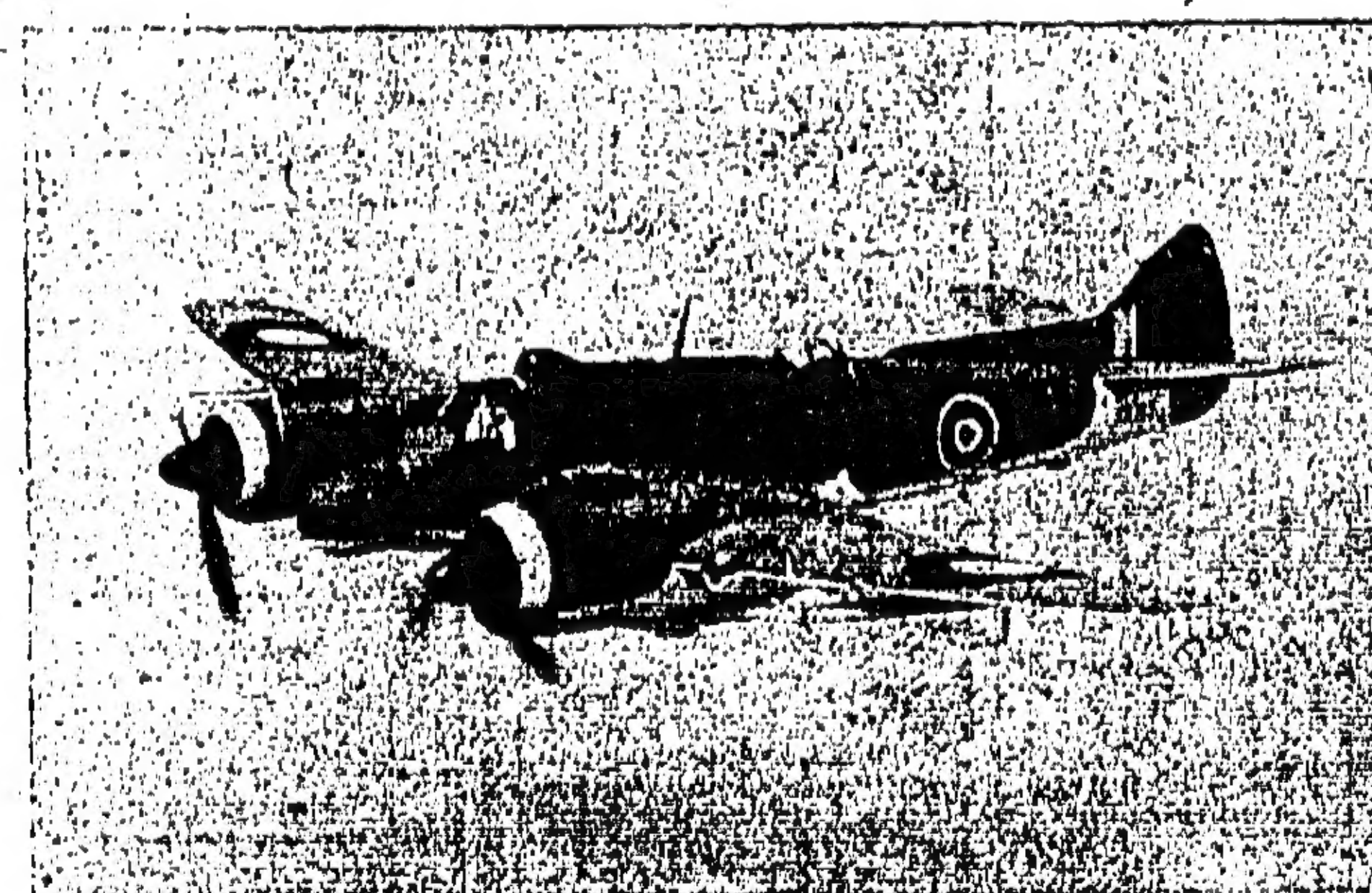
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in hospital for nearly a year. Traditionally, the watch should have stopped at the exact time of the crash—the Rolex, following its own traditions, kept going. It ran down normally, and when I was sufficiently interested in things to have it rewound some weeks later, it carried on keeping perfect time. That there is still, eleven years after the crash, an unscarred ring on my left wrist will give you some idea of what the watch survived. The only effect of the intense heat was to slightly shrink and discolour the glass."



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Days Of The Licensed Brothel Are Numbered

ABOUT 560 licensed brothels in Italy must close their doors by midsummer and more than 3,000 prostitutes will join the ranks of Italy's unemployed.

Then the "case chiuso" (closed house) will be closed in fact as well as in name. A law passed by a vote of 385 to 115 in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (lower house) on January 20 will bring an era of state-controlled prostitution to an end.

The new law is a personal victory for a 68-year-old former administrator, Senator Angelini Merini, who, for nearly 20 years, has fought what often seemed to be a losing battle to prohibit brothels.

Senator Merini, a Socialist who was imprisoned by Mussolini and later by the first bill to suppress brothels in August 1948, was horrified by the prison-like atmosphere of the state-controlled houses. Many brothel-keepers, she said, only allow inmates to leave the house for half an hour a week and, unlike streetwalkers, they cannot refuse a client.

Shocked

After visiting three brothels, Senator Merini reported that she was "shocked by the humiliation and degradation of the daily life of the prostitutes."

To which Senator Renato Tuzzi, a Christian Democrat Member of Parliament, who introduced the "Merlin Law" in the Chamber of Deputies, added: "Licensed prostitution permits the owners of a house of ill fame to sell the body of another person and gives the brothel-keeper rights to that body and a percentage of the transaction."

Under the "Merlin Law" all licensed brothels will have to close and brothel-keepers will henceforth be liable to terms of imprisonment of from two to six years, and fines of up to 1,000,000 lire (\$2,500), which are doubled if the girls have been forced to become prostitutes, if they are under 21 years of age, or if more than one prostitute is found in the house.

These penalties also apply to white slave traffickers and to any person who otherwise exploits prostitutes.

Although Senator Merini claims that she received hun-

Rome, April 1.

By
ROBIN
MANNOCK

dreds of encouraging letters from inmates of licensed brothels, prostitutes interviewed behind the closed shutters of the largest brothel in Rome were not enthusiastic about the new law.

If the law turned them out of the houses they would continue to follow their profession in the streets, they said. "And when we go into the streets the public won't like it," said one middle-aged "girl." "This is the only profession we know. Who would give us work? Who would give a prostitute anything to eat?"

They were openly sceptical about the fund of 100,000,000 lire (\$25,000) created by the "Merlin Law" to re-educate and rehabilitate former prostitutes.

About 1,000 licensed prostitutes who work outside the brothels as streetwalkers will lose their legal right to ply their trade under the new law.

Annulled

Licensed streetwalkers and an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 clandestine prostitutes will be liable to up to eight days' imprisonment and a maximum fine of 2,000 lire (23 shillings) if they are caught by police vice squads after the law comes into force.

Enactment of the "Merlin Law" after ten years came as a shock to many Italians, who looked upon the law as a joke and Senator Merini as a harmless fanatic.

The Senate (upper house) passed the bill in 1952 and sent it to the Chamber of Deputies, where it was received without enthusiasm. The Government delayed the bill to committees and it died in a tangle of Parliamentary red tape when the

Are Numbered

general election of 1952 annulled all pending legislation. To the dismay of the opponents of the "Merlin Law," the Senator was triumphantly re-elected. She re-introduced her bill to the Senate, which passed it a second time in 1955. Again the bill languished in committee, and a few observers were given the chance of becoming law before the general elections due in the late spring of this year would have killed it a second time.

Then the Christian Democrat Members of Parliament, most of whom were believed to oppose the "Merlin Law" as private citizens, formed a surprise alliance with the Communists and Socialists, their bitter political enemies, to ensure that the bill reached a final vote during the life of this Parliament.

The only outspoken opposition came from the Neo-Fascists and Monarchists on the far extreme right of the House. But a number of Christian Democrat members were believed to have added their votes to those of the 94 Monarchists and Neo-Fascists who voted against the bill in the final secret ballot.

Cancelled

Italy began to close the licensed brothels in 1949 when Senator Mario Scelba, the Iron-fisted Minister of the Interior in the late Signor Alcide de Gasperi's Cabinet, ordered the police to refuse applications to open new brothels and to cancel existing licences when the owners died.

More than 100 brothels were closed in 1949 and the number of licensed brothels dropped from 734 in 1940 to about 560 today. At this rate, observers estimated, the last licensed brothel in Italy would have closed its doors in 1950.

The number of new special identity cards issued to licensed prostitutes was limited to 200 a year. Any girl over 18 years of age could apply for a card.

The law regulating prostitution was passed by Mussolini in 1931. It treated prostitutes and brothel-keepers as persons outside society, with a special legal status. Under the 1931 law prostitutes were required to carry their special identity cards and submit to a twice-weekly medical examination.

Once they had been issued with cards, their names were entered in a special register and they were branded as prostitutes for life and were not allowed passports.

Brothel-keepers were required to surrender all their civic rights, including the right to vote, to hold public office or to act as the guardian of a minor, and to pay a fee of 200,000 lire (\$115) a year for permission to run a brothel.

Under the "Merlin Law" the police will no longer be allowed to keep registers of prostitutes. But the prostitutes say that they believe that the police will still keep their names on a file and that old records will not be destroyed to allow them to start a new life with a clean police record.

Refused

They complain that former prostitutes have been refused certificates of good conduct by the police. Without this certificate, it is difficult to get an honest job in Italy, where more than 1,500,000 able-bodied workers are unemployed.

Closing of the licensed brothels will mean a sharp drop in earnings for the prostitutes, whose gross incomes are frequently as much as 300,000 lire (\$170) a week in houses where the tariff ranges from 150 lire (1/6d) to 10,000 lire (\$5,15s). The house takes between 60 and 65 per cent of this, and deducts about 3,000 lire (\$1.14s) a day for board and lodging.

Keeping a house is a profitable business. The heirs of the owner of one medium-sized brothel in Rome paid death duties totalling 300,000,000 lire (\$172,000) on his estate when he died recently.

Opponents of the "Merlin Law" believe that closing the brothels will have a disturbing effect on family life in Italy. Many fathers discreetly steer their growing sons towards the brothels in an attempt to discourage ardent young men from trying to seduce girls from respectable families.

Seduction is a dangerous game in Italy. At best, the girl's father will force the young man into a wedding. In southern Italy and Sicily, it may be the beginning of a deadly blood feud—China Mail Special.



Australia Newsletter

COME Friday and the greatest show on earth once more opens for business and in 10 days and eight nights there is little doubt that the turnstiles will click to the tune of more than a million customers.

The Royal Easter Show this year promises to be as lavish, as well organized—and as costly—as those that have gone before.

As bushfires and drought swept the State a few short months ago there was a fear that the agricultural displays would slump, but the rains came, the melons and pumpkins swelled as ordered (helped, it is hinted, by copious infusions of water) and the man on the land will come into his own again.

The drought and the fires made it harder though.

Easter Show

One organizer travelled 40,000 miles through the State looking for big-bell pumpkins and night-lark marrows. He found them in a pretty good way. It was a pretty good year for the Easter Show, particularly when it is all for free.

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What the Government is looking for is a man who has lived in the areas, who speaks Malay, who knows the Public Service routine, who has a lot of personality and a mile or two of "fact"—in fact a pretty large order one way and the other.

But finally the produce—the cattle, horses, goats, machinery and all the rest of the well-groomed conglomerate worth some \$5,000,000—has started to reach the city and 4,500 workmen, scattered over the Showground's 72 acres, are working day and night to have the last touch of paint applied by Friday.

"King"

Easter is a pretty tricky time as far as weather is concerned, and just to be on the safe side the RAS Society has taken out rain insurance policies totalling £100,000.

Dozens of Australians have applied to be virtually "king" of an Indian Ocean island that is Australia's newest territory.

Winter

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Sydney (By Airmail).

Sad Story

The army has also established flood units at most danger spots and a radio warning network has been perfected.

Doing all this has cost more than pennies, experts estimating that well over £2 million has so far been spent on the programme.

Refused

Christmas Island has a population of less than 3,000 made up of European, Chinese, Malays and Indians.

The job of being "king" over them is worth £2,300 a year, plus perks worth something like another £2,000—a pretty attractive proposition looking at it from the coziness of an hotel lounge in a big city—particularly when it is all for free.

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With the coming of winter, authorities have been looking to their flood defences, and now that we are better prepared to meet the rains than ever before.

Rivers notorious for flooding have been dredged of silt for the first time ever, thus deepening channels that have filled over the years, which has made river beds lower, and more able to handle the volume of water.

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Sydney City Council has received plans from the Hilton organization for a luxury hotel costing close on £25 million to be built in the centre of Sydney.

Hilton Hotel?

Millionaire Mr Hilton does not intend to build the hotel. He suggests that the Council build it—the hotel is near the town hall and on council owned property—and pass it over to his world-wide organization to run. His figures suggest that he would return the Council close on £200,000 a year.

The plans, beautifully drawn and prepared, provide for 400 bedrooms in 17 floors with a roof nightclub and three basements for 250 cars.

The Hilton plan is that the hotel should be built, where it stands today, what is known as the Queen Victoria Building, a rambling architectural eye-sore so often condemned that its inside is strutted with pillars to prevent it collapsing.

It is, however, the picked position of Sydney and experts say the land alone is worth more than £1 million.

The Lord Mayor, Ald. Jensen, showed Council the plans "for information," and it is a pretty safe bet that Mr Hilton will not do business in this area.

Faces Went Red Over The Man 'Who Never Was'

A PEACE-TIME counterpart of Britain's war-time "man who never was," was recently discovered—and unmasked—in South Africa.

Britain's "man who never was" was an officer who died in Britain while hostilities were at their height during World War II, and whose body, with false identity papers and other faked documents, was launched from a submarine and subsequently washed ashore in Spain in a carefully worked out scheme to deceive the enemy.

South Africa's "man who never was" turned out to be a fairly different character. He is James Locksmith, an earnest, well-groomed, well-tailored public servant, who wears a grey tie and carries a brief case.

He has been appearing in big advertisements in newspapers and magazines as the one-time junior clerk from a post office in Vrededorf, a town in the Orange Free State with a listed white population of less than 900, and who now safeguards the public monies, amounting to £255,000,000, belonging to the South African public.

ADVERTISEMENT

Advertisements showing the handsome Mr Locksmith are part of a campaign to recruit young people into the Civil Service, and they describe his meteoric rise from the Vrededorf post office to a senior position in the Audit Department where he "keeps an unceasing vigil over the spending of all public monies."

A South African father, understanding from the advertisement that Mr Locksmith actually worked in the Audit Department, wrote to him asking for his advice as to whether his son should enter the Public Service or go to the University.

The letter was returned by the Post Office, marked "Addressee Unknown."

The father then wrote to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission asking for the present address of Mr Locksmith. He received no reply.

Cape Town, April 1.

Parliament for East London City, a former public servant and Secretary for Native Affairs, heard of the story and the mysterious Mr Locksmith's name was mentioned in Parliament.

Dr Smith was criticizing the Public Service during the debate on Part Appropriation Bill which is concerned with safeguarding South Africa's finances until after the General Election due to be held on April 16.

The half-empty House was looking bored when Dr Smith, a building, white-haired man with a soft voice and a quiet manner, asked a question.

UNANSWERED

Looking in the direction of the Minister of Justice, Mr C. R. Swart, he referred to the father, two unanswered letters and asked: "What happened to James Locksmith?"

Mr Swart stiffened and looked up from his desk. Members, inquiringly at the Minister—since James Locksmith's career included a period in the Department of Justice.

Mr P. K. J. Roux, the burly Nationalist Chief Whip, sitting in the seat of the Prime Minister, who is ill, became tense and gripped the edge of the desk.

Dr Smith took his time, licked his finger, and turned over a page in his notebook.

"Where is Mr Locksmith now?" he asked.

"Judging by his name," he said, "in the Department of Prisons."

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Cattle Empire." Joel McCrea in a Western.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "It Happened in Rome." A colourful carnival of fun.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Until They Sail." Jean Simmons, Joan Fontaine, Paul Newman and Piper Laurie in a drama. 9.30 p.m. "Merry Andrew." Danny Kaye in a comedy.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Love In The Afternoon." Gary Cooper, Audrey Hepburn and Maurice Chevalier in a romance.
ALHAMBRA: "Scarlet Doll." A Chinese picture.
LEE & ASTOR: Cantonese Operas.
ORIENTAL: "Lucky Jim." Ian Carmichael in another comedy.
MAJESTIC: "Desert Rats." Richard Hurton and James Mason.
CAPITOL: "Night Passage." James Stewart and Audie Murphy.
RITZ: "Loving You." Elvis Presley in another musical.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG
8.30 p.m. Evening Serenade.
9 p.m. Time Signal. Lucky Dip. Listener's Requests presented by Mr. Macfarlane. 10 p.m. Musical Selection by Michael Macfarlane and Suzanne Danno (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.).
10.30 p.m. Time for Jazz with Johnnie Day (10 p.m. to 11 p.m.).
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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT

Lennox-Boyd To Introduce Bill For More Aid

London, Apr. 1. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, said today he hoped to bring in a law in the next session of Parliament to continue Britain's financial aid to colonial governments after March 31, 1960.

The present Colonial Development Act expires on that date. The next session of Parliament begins in the autumn. Mr Lennox-Boyd said: "The Government is sure it would be with wish of both sides of the House that we should continue to help colonial governments with finance for their development plans after March 31, 1960."

"More detailed work will have to be done before the Government can reach firm conclusions about the shape and content of future assistance."

Precedent

The Colonial Secretary added: "I hope that it will be possible to introduce the necessary legislation during the 1958-59 session and to provide in accordance with precedent for an overlap between the new and existing Acts."

"Meanwhile I propose to tell colonial governments that they may proceed on the assumption that the period in which £220

million provided under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts of 1940-55 may be spent will be extended by legislation beyond March 31, 1960."

Swedish Sex Education Defended

Stockholm, Apr. 1. Swedish school authorities today defended the policy of sex education in elementary schools by saying such teaching was necessary to prepare the young for raising families.

School authorities answered an attack by the Rev. Willis Saeve, new head of the Enticel Revival community of 7,000 members here.

Mr Saeve said he was "horrified" by sex teaching in schools and urged that it be "thrown out of the school programme."

SEGREGATED

But school teachers, who asked not to be identified by name, defended both sex teaching and the Swedish method of presenting it—as part of the biology and sociology programme, taught to segregated classes by specially-trained teachers.

When children reach special classes in sex at the age of 14 or 15, "a frank answer is given to any question raised by a pupil" and submitted in writing, one school spokesman said.

"The backbone of this instruction is the part the home and family must play in modern Sweden," the spokesman said. Study of "human propagation" is necessary "to prepare the young for raising families," he said.—United Press.

Kishi Concerned Over Relations With Taiwan

Tokyo, Apr. 1. Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi expressed deep anxiety today over Japan's worsening relations with Taiwan.

Speaking to a news conference here, Premier Kishi said, however, that he had not received an official report of the meeting yesterday between the Japanese Ambassador, Kensei Horinouchi, and President Chiang Kai-shek and other officials in Taipei.

He added, however, that he did not think one meeting alone between the Japanese ambassador and the Nationalist President would settle the problems which rose over Formosa's objections to the "private" trade agreement signed between Japanese trade organizations and Peking.—United Press.

Boy Injured

A six-year-old Chinese boy sustained serious injuries when he was knocked down by a private car outside his home at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The boy, Kwok Shun-wah of 48 Lyndhurst Terrace, ground floor, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

SENATOR BLASTS DULLES

Washington, Apr. 1. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today denounced as "nothing short of shocking" Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' statement that President Eisenhower considered stopping US nuclear tests but rejected the idea.

Dulles' statement was "unbelievably tragic" and would have been better left unsaid, the Minnesota Democrat told the Senate in a blistering indictment of Dulles and the Administration's lack of leadership in disarmament.

Humphrey, Chairman of the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee, said the Russian move to stop nuclear tests leaves the United States "naked before the world."

"We stand before the world without leadership and without a programme and with spokesmen admitting that the Soviet Union has won," Humphrey declared.

In place of having a policy, the Minnesota Senator charged, "our legally-minded alleged statesmen stand immobile." Humphrey said "apparently Eisenhower was considering plans to take the initiative... but somebody must have advised him not to and apparently that someone was the Secretary of State."

MAN OF PEACE

"It would be better for our posture in the world... in light of failure to take action... if the statement attributed to (Dulles) had never been made," he said.

"I have always believed that the President was a man of peace," Humphrey said. "Now we find that even as he considered this, somehow it was rejected."

The Soviet action, Humphrey said, is "depriving us of even the use of our weapons, even if we wanted to use them... they have effectively locked up every (nuclear) weapon in our arsenal," while "this Administration unilaterally has disarmed our conventional armed forces."

"What irony, what a paradox as we approach Good Friday that the anti-Christians start acting like peace-makers, and we let them get by with it, because of political sterility... the inability of this Government to make a decision," he said.—United Press.

GOLD EXPORT ATTEMPT APPEAL DISMISSED

An appeal against conviction on a charge of attempting to export gold without a licence was dismissed by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Appeals Court this morning.

The appeal was brought by Sung Wei-shan, 42, who was fined \$5,000 in January by Mr Hin-shing Lo upon conviction for attempting to export 244 bars of gold weighing 1,207 taels to Singapore on his Laos.

He was represented by Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Messrs Hastings.

Mr Cheung submitted that it was not an offence in law to export gold or attempt to export gold to Singapore, a territory in the British Commonwealth, without a licence. He also said that the export control and prohibition orders, Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Scholes said the orders covered the prohibition of gold exportation.

Fighter Pilot To Marry

The wedding will take place today at St. Andrews Church, Nathan Road, at 2.30 p.m., of Miss Dorothy Jeavons and Fit-Li B. A. Lewis of No. 28 Squadron.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR GENERAL SUGDEN



Lieut-General Sir Cecil Sugden, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, has been appointed Quartermaster General to the Forces, according to Reuter. Sir Cecil was C-in-C British Forces, Hongkong, for two and half years. He arrived here to take command on May 31, 1954, and left for Europe on December 31, 1955, to command Allied Forces in Northern Europe.

European Youth Charged With Housebreaking

A 19-year-old European youth, Robert Montgomery Fraser Spencer, of the North Point Relief Camp, was remanded three days in Police custody by Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of housebreaking.

Lady Black Visits Cripples' Home

During a visit to the Sandy Bay Cripples' Home this morning Lady Black remarked on the wonderful work that was being done there for crippled children.

Lady Black was met on her arrival by the Hon. M.W. Turner, Dr Harry Fung, doctor in charge of the home and members of the British Red Cross Society who administer the hospital.

Children from all types of homes were seen in the ward for younger children and their progress and diseases explained by Dr Fung. The physiotherapy room in which the more advanced children are taught to walk and use other limbs, was admired for its modern equipment.

A Song

A small schoolroom which had nine pupils was seen and the visitors were entertained with a song played on accordion by three boys.

One of the patients, Law Suk-won, a girl in the ward for the older children, presented Lady Black with a bouquet of roses.

Lastly the nurses' accommodation was inspected and the bright rooms and recreation room were greatly admired by Lady Black.

Defendant was alleged to have between 11.30 p.m. on March 31 and 6.30 a.m. on April 1, entered the dwelling house of Mr J. S. Hirst, of 1 Ventris Road, ground floor, and stole a typewriter, a camera, two fountain pens, a ball pen, an air-mail letter, a blank cheque No. 95612, a diary, a driving licence No. 65001, two tubes of toothpaste, one tie pin, a wrist watch and a pencil sharpener, to the total value of \$322, property of Mr J. S. Hirst. No plea was taken.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You'll be hiring a versatile man, Mr. Jackson—not a year out of college yet, but I've had jobs as bond salesman, clerk, accountant, reporter, ad man, and mechanic!"

ROBBERS SENT TO TRAINING CENTRE

Two young men convicted of armed robbery in Sal Kung last October were ordered to be sent to the Stanley Training Centre by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The two men, Lau Pun-sing, 18, and Lau Yuk-chuen, 17, both farmers, who were convicted on a charge of robbing a village elder and his daughter-in-law on October 24 last, were remanded last Wednesday for a report from the Commissioner of Prisons as to the suitability of their admission into the Training Centre.

This morning Mr Justice Scholes said he had received a report from the Commissioner stating that they were suitable for training, and in view of their age and the fact that they had no previous convictions, the best course to take was to send them to the Training Centre.

J. D. Alexander Dies In England

News has been received of the death of Mr John David Alexander, an old resident of the Colony, who died in England on March 30.

The late Mr Alexander left Hongkong together with his wife in March 1954 following his resignation. He and Mrs Alexander returned to Hongkong for a short holiday in February the following year.

Mr Alexander was Managing Director of Messrs Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co. with which firm he had been associated for the last 35 years. He was also a director of several well-known Hongkong firms among which were the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd., Hongkong Tramways Ltd., and the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. He was Chairman of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

Petty Thefts

A suspect has been detained by the Police following the larceny of a propelling pencil from a Chinese pedestrian in Carpenter Road, near Nam Kok Road yesterday.

In other petty thefts yesterday, a sum of money was stolen from a Chinese woman after her pocket was cut in Wo Chai Street and another Chinese woman had her pocket picked on board a tram in the Eastern District.

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A GROUP of local doctors and businessmen, in response to an ideal expressed, are making preparations to inaugurate a movement for selling, as from April 4 to 6 next, as A Children's Day in the Chinese community. The object is to fall in line with the National Child Welfare Association of Shanghai which, in observing the Day for the first time last year, urged the whole of China to co-operate. Just as in England and the United States, where a Children's Day is observed regularly every year, so in China this annual festival will be permanently placed on the calendar.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon (March 28) when business will be of a routine nature.

"TOO MUCH" writes to the Editor in the Correspondence Column—Sir, I am among those present at the recent annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association. Since then it has struck me that the fall is beginning to wag the dog. What I mean is this: Years ago the Association was fond of that it should be a control body to run the League and Open Championship Competition. Since then it has added to its activities, and the Open Fairs and the Spey Royal Competition of the Colony are threatened, in addition, with an International Shield and the Open Fairs Championship. This year we shall also have the Shanghai players down here. What I want to know is how the average is going to end time to play off his club competitions and to have an occasional quiet game with his friends.

Newport—The Monmouthshire International 10-mile cross country race for teams from England, Northern Ireland, France, Belgium, Scotland and Wales, was held today (March 25), England beating all the other countries. Holden of England was the first competitor to finish the course, his time being 53 mins 41 secs.

ABIGAIL informs in the Woman's World—Did you know that grapefruit, which is now such a popular article of diet, was developed by the Chinese some 3,000 years ago from one of the wild citrus trees with which the country abounds and where natural fruits are small and hardly edible? In the 18th century it was taken by an Englishman, Captain Shaddock, to the West Indies and grown there with success. Thence it spread to the United States, whose fruit-growers have given it much attention, and have improved it considerably.

The Siamese (Thailand) Minister of Public Instruction, in a speech at Bangkok, caricatured Bangkok schoolboys for attending cinemas in order to see the films, but to meet schoolgirls and flirt. Moreover, he declared, the boys are showing a tendency to wait outside the girls' schools and meet the girls returning home and engage in flirtations.

SOME very old swords and daggers were produced before Mr Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday (March 27) when a man named Kwok Lun was charged with being in unlawful possession of these weapons in Kowloon City. Insp. Smith said the weapons were very old ones dated back to the time before Kowloon came under British rule. He applied for a week's formal remand in order to make further investigations into some literature seized on defendant's premises, referring to a triad society.

America may soon see another gold rush. It is announced that Governor Ralph of California, together with other officials, is considering a favourable light the mobilization of perhaps 300,000 men for a mighty gold hunt in California. It is believed that such a proposal might be the answer to the nation's cry for more metal and also be the means of providing sustenance and possible profit for the unemployed.

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